FEDERAL BUDGET

WOMEN AND CITIES WIN BIG

TORONTO REACTS
Relief may be on the way for city's housing crisis

WOMEN'S RIGHTS
Whole budget passed through gender-based lens

TRANSPORTATION
$20.6B for public transit projects over 11 years

OPINION
Columnists weigh in on who *really* benefits

metroNEWS, metroVIEWS & metroLIFE

Toronto metro

Your essential daily news THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017 High 2°C/Low 0°C Mostly sunny

LONDON HORROR

'SICK AND DEPRAVED'

Terror strikes at the heart of Britain's democracy

metroNEWS

Five people were killed and 40 injured after a man drove into a crowd of people on Westminster Bridge and stabbed a police officer inside the gates of Parliament in London. TOBY MELVILLE/REUTERS

Inside the deadly rampage — London's lockdown and response

Brussels marks 1-year anniversary of airport bombing that killed 32

Trudeau among world leaders reacting: 'We stand with you'

MARCH 31–APRIL 2
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, MISSISSAUGA

SPRING Cottage Life SHOW

ARE YOU READY?

With interactive events and 600 exhibitors, we have everything you need to kick off cottage season

SHOP 600 exhibitors all under one roof showcasing everything you need for your cottage lifestyle. Boats and builders, decor and docks, grills and gazebos, watersports, real estate, and more!

TOUR Bonneville Homes is unveiling its newest home in the *Natur* series. Both budget and planet-friendly, this cottage delivers on style, quality, and comfort.

TASTE Join us for live cooking demos and tasty samples all weekend long. Get some inspiration for outdoor entertaining that will wow your family and friends.

RELAX Enjoy an early taste of summer and relax at the dock party! Enjoy a variety of beer, spirit and wine offerings while raising funds for Cottage Dreams.

Online Discount

SAVE $4 per couple or $2 off regular adult admission

Visit cottagelife.com/tickets and enter promo code: **MetroTO**

Offer valid online only.

For info and tickets, visit
cottagelife.com/shows

metro NEWS

Your essential daily news

Can't get enough of those darling baby capybaras? More photos at **metroNEWS.ca**

Toronto capybara-lovers will have to wait until the weather warms up before they can catch a glimpse of High Park Zoo's newest bundles of furry joy. The pups haven't been named yet, but the public will be invited to offer suggestions once the babies get older. COURTESY JASON MCCULLOUGH

Bouncing bundle of capy-babies

ANIMALS

High Park Zoo's capybaras gave birth to 3 pups in February

Sarah-Joyce Battersby
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's most famous giant rodents are now proud parents.

The High Park Zoo capybaras have welcomed three bouncing capy-babies. Born on Feb. 23, the wee critters are the first offspring for the pair, dubbed Bonnie and Clyde, since they moved to the zoo.

With a gestation period of four to five months, the litter was conceived at home — not while the pair was famously on the lam. The couple broke free from the west-end zoo last spring, roaming the city for weeks before eventually returning home.

Now settled back into their pen for the foreseeable future, mother and babies are healthy and happy. The pups have been kept mostly indoors since the blessed event, and the new family won't be taking visitors just yet.

"They're South American and they're babies, so they need to stay inside," said city spokesperson Megan Price.

Once the weather warms up, the clan will have a proper introduction to the community, said Coun. Mary-Margaret McMahon.

McMahon, chair of the parks and environment committee, said she wasn't aware of the pregnancy until she got news of the birth a few days ago. Zoo staff were also in the dark, making the birth a surprise for all.

"I wasn't a doula or anything," she joked, adding she expects the entire city will be "very excited," as she was.

"They're the most famous babies (at the zoo)," she said. "Not to show favouritism, but this year we're showing favouritism to the capybaras."

The little creatures don't have names yet (and their gender won't be clear until they are older), but the public will be invited to suggest ideas.

Though McMahon hopes they haven't learned any lessons from their renegade parents, her name suggestion is a homage to their disappearing act: Houdini.

PEEL to REVEAL
WALK-IN AND BUY ANY SLICE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN*
1 of 3 VIP TRIP EXPERIENCES
+OVER 100,000 PRIZES TO BE WON*
*no purchase necessary. See inside for full contest details.
** TORONTO BLUE JAYS logo, bird head design and all related marks and designs are trademarks and/or copyright of Rogers Blue Jays Baseball Partnership ("RBJBP"). ©2017 RBJBP
PIZZA NOVA
ORDER WITH THE APP
ORDER ONLINE AT PIZZANOVA.COM
WITHIN THE GTA 416 439-0000
OUTSIDE THE GTA 310-33-00 USE LOCAL AREA CODE WHERE NECESSARY
PIZZA NOVA®

Toronto DIGEST

Allegation omitted from police report
Judging by a newly released report from Toronto's police chief, there were no problems with any aspect of a 2015 police-involved shooting at a Bloor Street pharmacy.

But in an Aug. 31, 2015, letter to Chief Mark Saunders, SIU acting director Joseph Martino alleges that immediately after the Jan. 7, 2015, shooting, a Toronto officer improperly attempted to access and copy security footage of the shooting — conduct he calls an "apparent contravention" of provincial legislation protecting the independence of SIU probes.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police looking for three men in Kijiji robbery
Toronto police are looking for three men wanted for two robberies that occurred within two hours in the city's west end in March.

Police have identified Tristan Cain, 24, of Ajax as one of the suspects for both incidents. Daniel Ofori, 24, of Binbrook is identified as a suspect in the second incident. The third suspect has not been identified. Police describe him as a black man, believed to be between 20 and 30 years old, 5'9", medium build, with short black hair and clean-shaven.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

School board attempts to 'quell misinformation'
The Peel District School Board issued a fact sheet Wednesday to quell "misinformation and errors" it says are circulating in the community and on social media regarding religious accommodation

It's the school board's response to a campaign to end the accommodation of Muslim prayer in schools.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Terry McQuaid is the executive director of the newly created centre for sexual-assault prevention and support at the University of Toronto. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Director looks to make campus safer

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Terry McQuaid hired to oversee new sexual violence centre

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Her job title may encompass a lot of things, but Terry McQuaid has one bold vision for the University of Toronto's future.

"I want to help create a campus where everyone knows this is a safe place and sexual assault is not tolerated no matter what your status is," said the university's executive director of personal safety, high risk, sexual-violence prevention and support.

She's been hired to oversee the newly created tri-campus Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre. The office is a key part of the university's policy launched earlier this year to combat sexual violence and harassment. Efforts are underway to recruit co-ordinators on each campus.

U of T already has resources available for students, staff and faculty in need of support, but McQuaid said the centre's role is to make sure those resources are well co-ordinated and everyone is accommodated. The centre will also serve as the first point of contact for anyone in need and will manage the process of reporting sexual violence.

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining U of T, Terry McQuaid was Seneca College's director of counselling and accessibility. She's also worked in counselling services at York University and in hospitals.

"Our campuses, much like society in general, are dealing with issues of sexual harassment," she said, noting the university hasn't historically been collecting statistics about sexual-violence incidents to know if the issue is prevalent.

"This is about making sure victims have a place to feel safe about disclosing an uncomfortable experience."

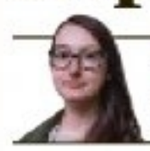
One of the key elements in the new policy is that people aren't required to make a formal report in order to access the support they need. The centre will roll out consultations across the campuses, educating the community about issues of consent and intervention.

Last year the province promised a $1.7-million investment for similar, mandatory workshops for bartenders and servers.

"We're already having feedback from groups who want to be partners in the process, so there's a lot of interest in this work," said McQuaid.

OPEN LETTER

Chief calls for senator to step down


Sarah-Joyce Battersby
Metro | Toronto

A local Indigenous leader is adding his voice to the chorus demanding a Tory senator step away from her duties after she called residential schools "well-intentioned."

Chief R. Stacey Laforme of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation penned an open letter this week to Sen. Lynn Beyak asking her to resign from the upper chamber's Aboriginal Peoples committee.

"She should step down and do everybody a favour before she damages the relationship any further," Laforme told Metro, referring to the country's ongoing efforts at righting historical wrongs.

Speaking in the Senate chamber earlier this month, Beyak defended the people who worked in residential schools, a program the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called cultural genocide.

Laforme is the latest person to publicly denounce Beyak's remarks, joining the Anglican Church of Canada, which administered the schools, and the committee's chair, Sen. Lillian Eva Dyck.

"I'm glad it appears that it's a common sentiment," Larforme said. "Across not only Indigenous lives, but I hope Canadian lives."

Chief R. Stacey Laforme
CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Living with ASTHMA?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY USING AN INHALER TO SEE IF IT MAY IMPROVE YOUR OVERALL ASTHMA CONTROL

Qualified volunteers for the research study may receive:

- No-cost investigational study medication for asthma
- Study-related care from a local expert
- Reimbursement for time and travel

CONTACT CHEEMA RESEARCH INC at 905-566-1200

The MVP Study: MRI vs. PSA Prostate Cancer Screening Trial

PSA blood tests are not recommended to be used for the early detection of prostate cancer (screening). MRI screening of the prostate shows great promise!

- Are you a male 50-75 years of age? • NO previous cancers AND NO family history of prostate cancer?
- NO PSA blood test in the past 3 years AND NO biopsy in the past 3 years?

If so you may be eligible to participate in a study to determine whether MRI screening can improve the accuracy of prostate diagnosis.

The purpose of the study is to improve the methods used in screening for prostate cancer

As a part of our research, we will obtain a randomized MRI or PSA blood test to evaluate your risk of having prostate cancer. This will take place at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre at a scheduled visit. You will be asked to undergo an onsite evaluation. Participants will be followed for a period of 3 years: up to 4 visits in the first year and a follow-up visit each additional year. Participants will receive parking passes for their visits.

If you are interested, please contact us for further details.

For more information Contact: Patrick MacInnis
patrick.macinnis@sunnybrook.ca | 416.480.6100 ext.7504

Sunnybrook

Introducing the Samsung Galaxy A5 on the GTA's best and fastest network.[1]

Experience amazing, cutting-edge features including:

- A revolutionary 16MP high resolution front and back camera that lets you take sharp photos wherever you are.
- 3D glass back and zero camera protrusion for a sleek, modern design.
- Dust and water resistant so you can snap photos even if your phone gets wet.[2]

SAMSUNG Galaxy A5

$99.99[3]

2-yr. plan starting at $70/mo. with data.
SIM card charge ($10) may apply.

Visit a Bell store • 1 888 4-MOBILE • bell.ca

bell.ca/network

Bell smartphones just got better

Get expert advice today.
Visit a Bell store near you:

AJAX
Durham Centre

AURORA
SmartCentres Aurora

BOLTON
SmartCentres Bolton

BRADFORD
487 Holland St. W.

BRAMPTON
100 Great Lakes Dr.
Bramalea City Centre
Shoppers World

BURLINGTON
1100 Walker's Line
Appleby Crossing
Burlington Mall
Mapleview Mall

ETOBICOKE
Albion Centre
Cloverdale Mall
Sherway Gardens
Woodbine Centre

GEORGETOWN
330 Guelph St.

MAPLE
Rutherford Marketplace

MARKHAM
7357 Woodbine Ave.
Markville Shopping Centre
Pacific Mall

MILTON
377 Main St. E.

MISSISSAUGA
980 Eglinton Ave. E.
Creekside Crossing
Dixie Outlet Mall
Erin Mills Town Centre
Heartland Power Centre
Sheridan Centre
SmartCentres Westgate
Square One Shopping Centre

NEWMARKET
Upper Canada Mall

NORTH YORK
Bayview Village
Centerpoint Mall
Fairview Mall
Lawrence Square
Shops at Don Mills

OAKVILLE
478 Dundas St. W.
Oakville Place

PICKERING
Pickering Town Centre

RICHMOND HILL
Hillcrest Mall

SCARBOROUGH
259 Morningside Ave.
Eglinton Square
Scarborough Town Centre

THORNHILL
The Promenade

TORONTO
120 Adelaide St. W.
2256 Bloor St. W.
2171 Queen St. E.
2323 Yonge St.
Chinatown Centre
College Park
Crossroads Plaza
Dufferin Mall
East York Town Centre
Gerrard Square
Holt Renfrew Centre
Scotia Plaza
The Stockyards Mall
Toronto Eaton Centre
Yorkdale Shopping Centre
Yorkgate Mall

UXBRIDGE
307 Toronto St. S.

VAUGHAN
Vaughan Mills

WHITBY
SmartCentres Whitby
Whitby Mall

WOODBRIDGE
4080 Highway 7

Also available at:

THE SOURCE I WANT THAT

Offer ends March 31, 2017. Available with compatible devices within network coverage areas available from Bell Mobility see bell.ca/coverage. One-time connection charge ($15) applies. Taxes extra. Other conditions apply. If you end your Commitment Period early, a Cancellation Fee applies; see your Agreement for details. Subject to change without notice, not combinable with other offers. (1) Based on third party testing against other national wireless service providers of combined voice and data across the greater Toronto area. (2) Water and dust resistant rating of IP-68 if ports are closed properly. Device does not float, should not be exposed to any liquid chemicals and has not been certified for pool or ocean use; follow warranty and safety guidelines. Warranty voided if liquid detection is triggered on device or battery. Do not use device near water while charging. See other important restrictions; http://www.samsung.com/ae/smartphones/galaxy-a5-2017-a520f/SM-A520FZKDXSG/ (3) With new activations or upgrades with a Smartphone plan. Samsung Galaxy A5 is a trademark of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., used in Canada under license.

The San Fran way to diversify retail space

BUSINESS

Layton asks for study to limit, regulate chain stores

David Hains
Metro | Toronto

Mike Layton doesn't want chain stores to take over Toronto.

The downtown councillor has prepared a motion for next week's council meeting to study ways the city can support local businesses and preserve the character of retail strips like Yonge Street.

Layton says he wants to "create an environment that's more of an incubator for small-scale stores."

Layton's motion is a response to recent commercial and retail changes in Toronto. Seven music venues have closed in 2017, and it was recently announced that the Hard Rock Café at Yonge and Dundas will be turned into a Shoppers Drug Mart.

Coun. Mike Layton wants the city to learn more about a San Francisco policy designed to preserve the character of commercial streets, like Toronto's **Yonge Street.** EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Layton pointed to a San Francisco policy called Formula Retail Use, in which chain stores face additional regulations. This includes a more rigorous approval process, controls on matching the character of a neighbourhood and limitations and prohibitions in some parts of the city.

The San Francisco policy, which was passed by referendum, regulates chain stores with more than 11 national locations and a uniform look. The policy has also been criticized, with one business journal arguing that it penalizes success. The regulation prevented chains like American Apparel and Chipotle from opening in some parts of the city.

> **You can't just have the same formula for every development.**
> Coun. Mike Layton

"We should look at approaches from other cities with the same problem," said Layton. He added he also wants to understand what existing powers the city has to regulate chain stores.

Layton noted that part of the challenge is that developers look for large and stable tenants to occupy their retail spaces. Streets also need a diverse mix.

"You can't just have the same formula for every development," he said. "This isn't saying no to chain stores, but there needs to be some local consideration."

Transit DIGEST

Final stop for bus driver
After 42 years working evenings, TTC bus driver Al Nywening is calling it a night.

"I'm ready for retirement," Nywening said shortly before heading out for his last shift Tuesday, a 5:55 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. on North York's 125 Drewry route.

"I've seen children born and I've seen those same children have children over the years because I spent over 30 years on Bathurst Street," he said. "That's kind of unique." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Eyeing a driverless future
The TTC is contemplating a future when autonomous vehicles could replace its existing bus fleet.

A report that agency staff prepared for the TTC board meeting on Wednesday noted that the development of driverless vehicles capable of being used in public transit is still years away, but should the technology become available "the TTC would be happy to become a leader" in their use.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

metroEXPLAINS: Dude, where's my streetcar?

3/40 (on schedule) **The TTC received streetcar No. 4433 at the Hillcrest maintenance yard on Tuesday morning.**

Story: David Hains
Graphic: Jason Logan

But new streetcars aren't pressed into service right away. The TTC tests its components, conducts 600 kilometres of test drives and installs equipment such as the Presto machines. If all goes well, the vehicle gets a "Final Acceptance Certificate" and graduates streetcar university. Streetcar No. 4433 is expected to pick up passengers by the end of the month.

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY PRESENTS

Healthcare Strategies in Northwestern Ontario

FREE ADMISSION

Learn about our current strategies and our upcoming healthcare professional needs

Presenters:
Janet Gordon, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Terri Farrell, Medical Director
Trish Hancharuk, Director of Treatment Services
Kadey Kennedy, HR Recruiter
Jamie Sitar, Physician Recruiter

We will be hiring multiple healthcare professionals including:
- Family & Addiction Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners
- Registered Nurses
- Dietitians & Nutritionists
- Speech & Language Pathologists
- Physio & Occupational Therapists
- Kinesiologists
- Mental Health Workers & Social Workers
- Health Promoters
- Epidemiologist
- IT
- Health Administration

Saturday, March 25
11:00-11:30am: Setup and Arrival
11:30-12:45pm: Healthcare Presentations
12:45-1:30pm: Meet & Greet with Food & Beverages

Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority

Fairmont Royal York
100 Front St W
Room: Manitoba Room

We are looking for volunteers!

Lambda Therapeutic Research Inc specializes in conducting clinical research trials. We are looking for healthy non-smoking individuals to participate in upcoming studies. Participants are compensated for their time.Compensation may range from $750 to $3500 depending on study duration.

Refer a friend and you may receive $100!

Please contact for more information:
LAMBDA Lambda Therapeutic Research
416-752-3333 Toll Free: 1-866-207-3333
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
www.lambdacanada-cro.com www.todaysresearch.com
Location: 460 Comstock Road, Toronto, M1L 4S4
follow us on

ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

We have fun down to a Science!

NEW FOR 2017!

EXHIBITION

Biomechanics

The Machine Inside

Explore how natural engineering has inspired practical man-made inventions.

Biomechanics: The Machine Inside was developed by The Field Museum, Chicago, in partnership with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, with generous support provided by the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust and ITW.
Knowledge Partner: University of Waterloo. Media Partner: Toronto Star.

IMAX® FILM

Dream Big

Engineering Our World

Celebrate the human ingenuity behind engineering marvels big and small.

Dream Big is a MacGillivray Freeman film in partnership with American Society of Engineers, presented by Bechtel Corporation. Media Partner: Toronto Star.

INSTALLATION

Canada 150: Discovery Way

Through amazing artifacts, ranging from the lightbulb to the flight recorder, gain a better understanding of unique Canadian scientific achievements.

SHOW

The Energy Show

Power up at this live theatrical presentation. See a seven foot Tesla coil, hair-raising Van de Graaff generator and more in action!

Lead supporter: IESO. Supporting Partner: Enbridge Gas Distribution.

OntarioScienceCentre.ca

OUR PREMIER PARTNERS

CISCO HONDA TELUS

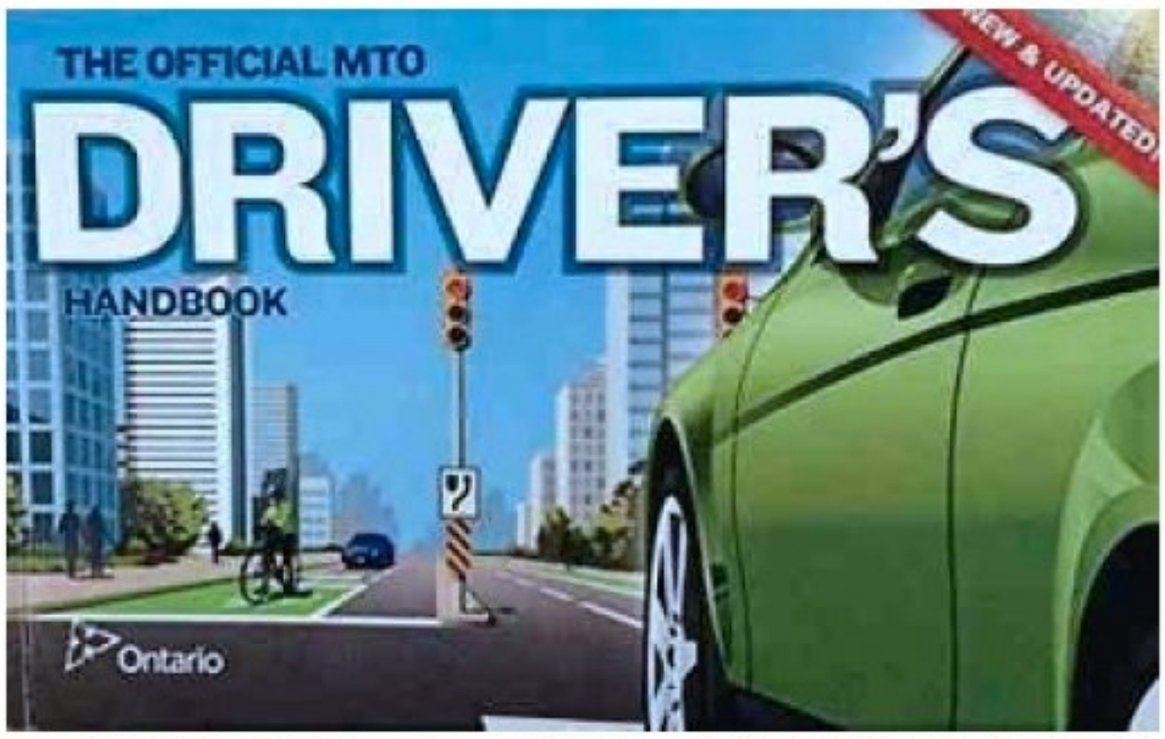
ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

An agency of the Government of Ontario

Yes, dear reader, you can turn right on red

BOOKS

Library rejects call to pull the driver's guide, other works



The Toronto Public Library rejected a request to remove the Official Driver's Handbook after a customer complained it was incorrect in stating right turns on red lights were legal. CONTRIBUTED

Oh, so that's why everyone's been honking.

For one reader, the Toronto Public Library's decision to not remove the Official Driver's Handbook from its collection last year could explain a lot.

A member of the public urged the library to remove the Ministry of Transportation's handbook until "incorrect information," that a driver can turn right on a red light, was corrected.

It was one of nine titles in the Toronto Public Library's collection mentioned in complaints last year, according to a report published Monday.

"The objection was incorrect. That one was a little bit puzzling," said Michele Melady, manger of collection development. "Maybe they learned something."

Another person criticized the French children's book L'École Autour du Monde, a translation of World School Day Adventure, which features Dora the Explorer. The book was written by singer Shakira, who is also a character in the book.

The complainant objected to "a blonde woman delivering technology to Third World/underdeveloped areas" and said it "continues to extend the First World saviour narrative."

The library ruled the book would stay in the French children's paperback collection, noting its theme is about Second and Third World countries sharing resources and that Western countries are not involved.

"We retained it because of (Dora the Explorer's) international reputation and she's extremely well-regarded as a positive role model," Melady said.

Just one book was removed as the result of a complaint last year. The Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy contained "a number of typesetting and grammatical errors that make the book unreadable," according to a complaint.

The library agreed to remove the book after librarians reviewed it and found errors throughout, possibly due to the use of automated editing software, which the front of the book references.

Another book, Tintin in America, by French writer and cartoonist Hergé, was moved from the children's collection to the adult graphic book section after criticism that it stereotypically depicted Indigenous peoples in a derogatory manner.

References to scalping and exaggerated illustrations in the book, originally published in 1932, were deemed inappropriate for children.

But the library rebuffed a request to remove The Santa Trap after a customer objected to "using dynamite to blow up Santa," in light of the 2015 Paris bombings, and use of the word "stupid," which is used in the book to describe socks.

"The book tells the story of a naughty child who sets out to trap Santa as punishment for bringing him socks every year, but is caught in his own trap," the library's decision stated.

"Santa is not blown up."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HERITAGE

Honest Ed's signs not a bargain now

The window at Soho Art and Custom Framing. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

For those hoping to get their hands on one of Honest Ed's hand-painted signs, you may have missed your chance to grab a little piece of Toronto history on the cheap.

Some of the distinctive signs — thousands of which were sold off before the local bargain landmark closed its doors for good in December — have popped up on Kijiji and Craigslist priced between $20 and $650.

Other signs, and one shopping bag, turned up this week in the window display of a Roncesvalles Avenue store, priced from $199 to $499 — a significant hike from last fall's selloff at Honest Ed's, where customers lined up to purchase signs and well-worn reusable shopping bags for as little as a few dollars apiece.

Soho Art and Custom Framing has about 20 for sale, all of them framed, says co-owner Tamar Mignon, to ensure longevity. Each item, she says, floats away from the glass and is held in place using acid-free conservation tape.

The meticulous framing partly explains the high price tag. Mignon said she's hoping to do what she can to preserve the store's history and the connection people here feel to it.

"Although everybody is happy about Toronto growing and becoming multi-cultural and international like New York, people still love old-world stuff," she said.

"Everything kind of disappears," she says. "I know that's why I want a sign. I really wanted to have a piece of that."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ACCESSIBILITY

Broad support for elevator-repair bill

Both of Ontario's opposition parties expressed interest in a private member's bill that Liberal Han Dong introduced Wednesday that would force elevators to be fixed within a week in long-term-care facilities and retirement homes and two weeks in other residences.

"It doesn't matter if an idea is an NDP idea, a Liberal idea or a PC idea; a good idea is a good idea," said Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown.

"Certainly having timely repair of elevators is going to matter to an awful lot of people," said the NDP's Peter Tabuns, MPP for Toronto Danforth. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Send free, unlimited *Interac* e-Transfer®* transactions.*

It almost feels good to send money. Almost.

BMO We're here to help.™

*Terms and conditions apply. ®*Interac e-Transfer is a registered trademark of Interac Inc. Used under license.

OFFER ENDS MARCH 31ST.

CHEVROLET

2017 CRUZE LT AUTO

LEASE $98 BI-WEEKLY, THAT'S LIKE:

$49 @ **0.5%** FOR **60** WITH **$0**

WEEKLY LEASE | LEASE RATE | MONTHS* | DOWN PAYMENT

(INCLUDES $500 GM CARD APPLICATION BONUS)

FEATURES:

- ✓ NHTSA OVERALL VEHICLE 5-STAR SAFETY SCORE[1]
- ✓ STANDARD APPLE CARPLAY™[2] AND ANDROID AUTO™[2] CAPABILITY AND ONSTAR 4G LTE WITH BUILT-IN WI-FI® HOTSPOT[3]
- ✓ REMARKABLE FUEL EFFICIENCY 6.0L/100KM HWY

ENJOY A $1,000

CRUZE PREMIER RS MODEL SHOWN

2017 EQUINOX

0% FOR **84** MONTHS **(4.0%)** APR — PLUS $2,000 FINANCE CASH

FINANCING

OR / **$5,500** IN CASH CREDITS*

FEATURES:

- ✓ "HIGHEST RANKED COMPACT SUV IN INITIAL QUALITY IN A TIE IN THE U.S." BY J.D. POWER IN 2016[4]
- ✓ ONSTAR 4G LTE WITH WI-FI® CONNECTIVITY[3]
- ✓ SIX AVAILABLE ACTIVE SAFETY FEATURES
- ✓ STANDARD REAR VISION CAMERA

EQUINOX PREMIER MODEL SHOWN

TRUCK MONTH

2017 SILVERADO 1500
DOUBLE CAB TRUE NORTH EDITION

UP TO **$10,500** TOTAL VALUE*

(INCLUDES: $1,000 GM CARD APPLICATION BONUS)

FEATURES:

- ✓ REAR VISION CAMERA WITH DYNAMIC GUIDELINES
- ✓ CLASS-EXCLUSIVE AUTOMATIC LOCKING REAR DIFFERENTIAL
- ✓ CHEVROLET MYLINK WITH 8" COLOUR TOUCH-SCREEN AND BLUETOOTH STREAMING[5]
- ✓ REMOTE VEHICLE START
- ✓ 10-WAY POWER SEAT AND MORE

SILVERADO 1500 DOUBLE CAB LT Z71 TRUE NORTH EDITION MODEL SHOWN

ALL NEW ELIGIBLE VEHICLES COME WITH:

CHEVROLET COMPLETE CARE

2 YEARS/48,000 KM COMPLIMENTARY OIL CHANGES** | **5** YEARS/160,000 KM POWERTRAIN WARRANTY^ | **5** YEARS/160,000 KM ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE^

*Available manufacturer to dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive). This credit is available to cash customers only; customers who choose to finance or lease their vehicles will forego some or all of these credits which will result in a higher effective cost of credit on their transaction. Includes GM Card Application Bonus on select vehicles (details). Lease based on a purchase price of $23,413 for a 2017 Cruze Air, includes $1,000 Lease Cash Bonus manufacturer to consumer credit (tax exclusive) and $500 GM Card Application Bonus (offer applies to individuals who apply for a Scotiabank GM Visa Card (GM Card) or current GM Card cardholders) (tax inclusive). Bi-weekly payment is $98 for 60 months at 0.5% lease rate on approved credit to qualified retail customers by GM Financial. The $49 weekly payments is calculated by dividing the bi-weekly payments of $98. Annual kilometer limit of 20,000 km, $0.16 per excess kilometer. $0 down payment required. Payment may vary depending on down payment trade. Total obligation is $12,800 plus applicable taxes. Option to purchase at lease end is $8,083. Price and total obligation exclude license, insurance, PPSA, registration, taxes, dealer fees and optional equipment. Other lease options are available. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Limited time offer which may not be combined with other offers. See your dealer for conditions and details. General Motors of Canada Company reserves the right to amend or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. 0% purchase financing offered on approved credit by TD Auto Finance Services, Scotiabank® or RBC Royal Bank for 84 months on a new or demonstrator 2017 CHEVROLET Equinox. Model shown may include optional equipment available at extra cost. Participating lenders are subject to change. Rates from other lenders will vary. Down payment, trade and/or security deposit may be required. Monthly/Bi-weekly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Example: $20,000 at 0.99% APR, the monthly payment is $247 for 84 months. Cost of borrowing is $748, total obligation is $20,748. Freight and air tax ($100, if applicable) included. Please see your dealer for the most accurate and up-to-date product and pricing details. ®Registered trademark of The Bank of Nova Scotia. RBC and Royal Bank are registered trademarks of Royal Bank of Canada. $5,500 Cash Credit is a Manufacturer to Dealer, (Tax exclusive) credit and applies to cash purchases of new 2017 Chevrolet Equinox models at participating dealers in Canada. By selecting lease or finance offers, consumers are foregoing this $5,500 credit which will result in higher effective interest rates. Dealer may sell for less. Offer may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. General Motors of Canada Company may modify, extend or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without notice. See dealer for details. Limited time only. Offer available to qualified retail customers in Canada. $10,500 Total Value is a combined total credit for cash purchases on select 2017 trucks. Credit consists of: Eligible 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Double Cab True North: $4,080 manufacturer-to-dealer cash credit (tax exclusive), $1,600 manufacturer-to-dealer (tax exclusive) Truck Month Credit, $820 manufacturer-to-dealer Option Package Discount Credit on the 1LT trim (tax exclusive), $1,000 GM Card Application Bonus (offer applies to individuals who apply for a Scotiabank GM Visa Card (GM Card) or current GM Card cardholders) (tax inclusive) and $3,000 manufacturer-to-dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive) towards the retail cash purchase, finance or lease for an eligible new 2017 Silverado Double Cab at participating dealers. On all offers: Void where prohibited. See dealer for details. Discounts vary by model. Limited time offer which may not be combined with certain other offers. General Motors of Canada Company may modify, extend or terminate offers in whole or in part at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. ®Registered trademark of The Bank of Nova Scotia. RBC and Royal Bank are registered trademarks of Royal Bank of Canada. Offers may not be redeemed for cash and may not combined with certain other consumer incentives. **Regular GM Card Application Bonus**: Offer applies to individuals who apply for a Scotiabank® GM® Visa* Card (GM Card) or current Scotiabank® GM® Visa* Cardholders. Credit valid towards the retail purchase or lease of one eligible 2017 model year Chevrolet delivered in Canada between March 1 and March 31, 2017. Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive) and credit value depends on model purchased: $500 credit available on: Chevrolet Camaro, Sonic, Cruze, Cruze Limited, Malibu (excluding L model), Volt (including 2017 MY Volt) and Trax; $750 credit available on: Chevrolet Impala, Equinox, Express, Traverse and Colorado (except 2SA), Suburban, Tahoe; $1,000 credit available on: Chevrolet Silverado, Silverado HD. Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). As part of the transaction, dealer may request documentation and contact General Motors of Canada Company (GM Canada) to verify eligibility. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. Certain limitations or conditions apply. Void where prohibited. See your GM Canada dealer for details. GM Canada reserves the right to amend or terminate. [1]U.S. Government 5-Star Safety Ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) New Car Assessment Program (www.SaferCar.gov). [2]Vehicle user interfaces are products of Apple and Google and their terms and privacy statements apply. Requires compatible smartphone and data plan rates apply. [3]Visit onstar.ca for coverage maps, details and system limitations. Service plan required. Available 4G LTE with Wi-Fi hotspot requires WPA2 compatible mobile device and data plan. Data plans provided by AT&T. Services vary by model, service plan, conditions as well as geographical and technical restrictions. OnStar with 4G LTE connectivity is available on select vehicle models and in select markets. Vehicle must be started or in accessory mode to access Wi-Fi. [4]The Chevrolet Equinox received the lowest number of problems per 100 vehicles among city cars in a tie in the J.D. Power 2016 Initial Quality Study, based on 80,157 total responses, evaluating 245 models, and measures the opinions of new 2016 vehicle owners after 90 days of ownership, surveyed in February–May 2016. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com. [5]MyLink functionality varies by model. Full functionality requires compatible Bluetooth and smartphone, and USB connectivity for some devices. Visit chevrolettotalconnect.ca for more details. **The 2-Year Scheduled Lube-Oil-Filter Maintenance Program provides eligible customers in Canada, who have purchased, leased or financed a new eligible 2017 MY Chevrolet, Buick, or GMC vehicle (excluding Spark EV), with an AC Delco oil and filter change, in accordance with the oil life monitoring system and the Owner's Manual, for 2 years or 48,000KMs, whichever occurs first, with a limit of four (4) Lube-Oil-Filter services in total, performed at participating GM Dealers. Fluid top offs, inspections, tire rotations, wheel alignments and balancing, etc. are not covered. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives available on GM vehicles. GM Canada reserves the right to amend or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. Additional conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. ^Whichever comes first. See dealer for limited warranty details.

2017 BUDGET

Housing relief on the horizon for city

GOVERNMENT

11-year funding plan to address long-standing issues, needs

David Hains
Metro | Toronto

Toronto will get some much-needed housing relief from the federal budget.

The government announced $11.2 billion in funding over 11 years. Specific items address long-standing requests from Toronto, including money for social housing and shelter support.

While details still need to be ironed out, city council housing advocate Coun. Ana Bailao welcomed the news.

"We feel like we're going to have a national housing strategy with funds behind it," she told Metro, in reference to a yet-to-be released plan. "It feels great to have a partner at the table."

The $11.2 billion includes $3.2 billion for affordable-housing initiatives, which can cover rent subsidies and repairs to existing housing. There is also $2.1 billion for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, a program that aims to prevent and reduce homelessness. The funding nearly doubles the current commitment and extends it from 2019 to 2022.

Of the federal government's total commitment, $3.2 billion will go towards affordable housing initiatives, with another $5 billion going into the National Housing Fund. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

A total of $5 billion will go toward a National Housing Fund, which will help finance direct lending for new rental housing. The fund will also give additional funding to affordable-housing providers as their operating agreements expire. More details about the fund will be released with the launch of the National Housing Strategy later in the year.

Bailao stressed that the details will have a big impact on Toronto and argued for a needs-based approach rather than allocating funds on a per capita basis.

"We have a much higher percentage of people in social housing," said Bailao, who also referenced the record-length Toronto Community Housing waiting list and billions in needed repairs.

City hall has struggled for years to convince other orders of government to invest in housing. While the funding was welcomed, there were immediate calls for the provincial government to match it.

"It's now time for the province to come to the table," Mayor John Tory said in a statement.

Budget chief Gary Crawford said the city needs partnerships with the other two orders of government to get things done.

Bailao echoed the sentiment: "There's not one level of government that can solve this on their own." WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trudeau raises your transit fare

OPINION

Matt Elliott
For Metro | Toronto

Justin Trudeau is about to make your TTC trip more expensive.

Surprised? Yeah, me too. Making transit cost more is usually our municipal government's thing, not Ottawa's. But in a new twist, the federal budget for 2017, tabled yesterday by Finance Minister Bill Morneau, is set to increase your costs by eliminating the public transit tax credit.

The credit, which allows transit riders to claim a tax refund of 15 per cent of money spent on transit passes, will disappear as of July 1. Happy Canada 150, transit fans.

For the average Metropass wielder the change will mean costs increase by about $20 a month, or $240 a year. That's going to be a hard pill to swallow for Toronto transit riders who have put up with years of consistently rising costs.

And now this. Removing a credit that offered a bit of relief for cash-strapped strap-hangers is a bad look for a prime minister that has talked a big game about his support for public transit.

It's not something the TTC was seemingly prepared for either. In an interview with Metro, TTC chair Josh Colle said the elimination of the tax credit wasn't on his radar prior to the release of the budget.

While Colle also lauded the federal government's "landmark" investment in funding capital and maintenance costs of transit projects, he's concerned about the impact this will have. "The last thing we want to do is make [transit] more expensive," he said. He said the city's next step will be to consult with the Canadian Urban Transit Association and work to determine how many riders take advantage of the credit — something the city doesn't have much data on.

Indeed, publicly-available data on usage is limited. But there's reason to think this change will cause pain for Toronto transit riders.

A 2011 report by the Department of Finance revealed that just under half of all claims for the tax credit came from Ontario transit riders — the majority of whom ride the TTC and GO Transit — , and a report from the TTC in 2007 pointed to the credit as one of the reasons behind a surge in Metropass sales. If the removal of the credit reverses even some of that growth — resulting in further ridership declines across the TTC — the financial crunch will hit the transit agency hard.

Trudeau's federal government will inevitably point to their renewed investment in building transit projects across Canada as an offset to the elimination of the tax credit. But that's cold comfort to riders already feeling the pinch. The question for the PM is simple: what's the point of an expanded transit system if people can't afford to ride it? WITH FILES FROM DAVID HAINS

Earn Your MBA While You Work !
PART-TIME ON WEEKENDS IN TORONTO

MBA in Community Economic Development

- A popular program that provides advanced skills in business, leadership, development, and international management. Join the 3rd Toronto cohort starting in September.
- Flexible delivery aligned with busy lifestyles, balancing work, family and studies. Classes meet at Centennial College on alternate weekends.
- Courses taught by acclaimed faculty from across Canada.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
10am in B2-10 Boardroom | 12pm in B2-10 Boardroom
6pm in Fireside Gallery | 7pm in Fireside Gallery

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
10am in B2-10 Boardroom
12pm in B2-10 Boardroom

Centennial College, 941 Progress Avenue

Cape Breton University | Shannon School of Business
902-563-1467 | mba@cbu.ca
CBU.ca/mba

JASMINE SINGH, MBA IN CHE '13
Associate Director
Health Care Sector, ON

Hosted at CENTENNIAL COLLEGE

Essential Skills Upgrading
Upgrade your skills. Your future starts now.
www.upgrademyskills.ca | FREE adult classes

Improve your
READING
WRITING
MATH

West - (416) 394-3809
South/Central - (416) 393-1995
East - (416) 396-6904

Many locations in the GTA

Operated by Toronto District School Board
Funded by EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

Introducing our biggest small business bonus ever: up to 75,000 Aeroplan Miles.

TD Business Banking. The Official Partner of Big Dreams.

TD Aeroplan More Miles Business Bundle

Find out how you can get our biggest small business bonus ever with the TD® Aeroplan® *VISA* Business credit card and select Banking and payment products. It's just one of the ways we're helping small business owners realize their dreams every day.

Conditions apply. Offer ends June 14, 2017.

Visit td.com/moremiles-tm or call 1-888-687-6670 to learn more

® The TD logo and other trade-marks are the property of The Toronto-Dominion Bank.

Vacation is calling

Experience Happiness with Bahia Principe Hotels & Resorts

Sun packages flights, transfers & all inclusive resort

Puerto Plata
$1029
Grand Bahia Principe San Juan 4★
7 nts | Apr 7, 14
taxes & fees included

Punta Cana
$1359
Luxury Bahia Principe Fantasia Don Pablo Collection 5★
7 nts | May 22, 25, 27
taxes & fees included

Riviera Maya
$1399
Grand Bahia Principe Coba 4 1/2★
Jr Ste Superior Royal Golden
7 nts | Apr 6, 11, 12
taxes & fees included

Punta Cana
$1439
Grand Bahia Principe Punta Cana 4 1/2★
Jr Ste Superior Royal Golden
7 nts | Apr 5, 6
taxes & fees included

Jamaica
$1749
Grand Bahia Principe Jamaica 4 1/2★
Jr Ste Sup Ocean View Royal Golden
7 nts | Apr 15, 16, 29, 30
taxes & fees included

Jamaica
$1799
Luxury Bahia Principe Runaway Bay Don Pablo Collection 5★
7 nts | May 7, 14
taxes & fees included

Visit transat.com or contact your travel agent for more great deals.

transat Travel
www.transattravel.com
Vacation savings start with AIR MILES® Cash!

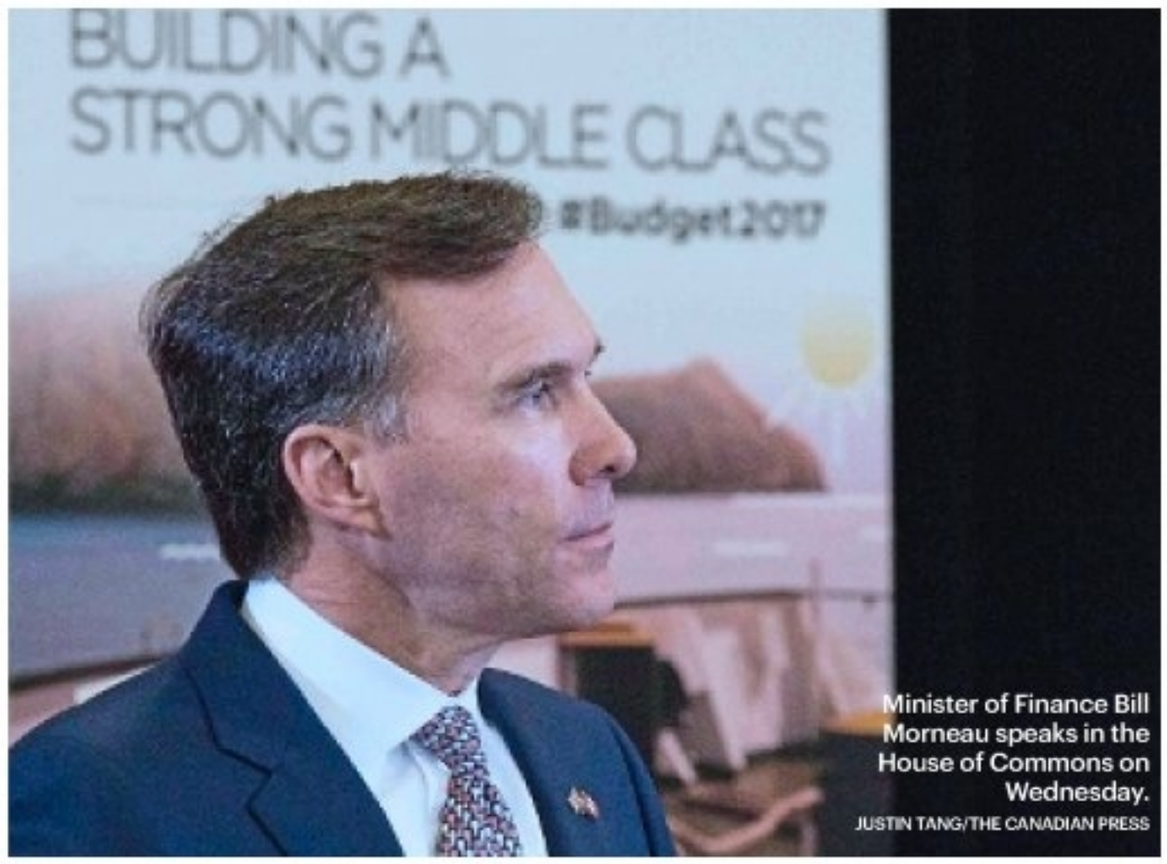
Flights are from Toronto via Air Transat in economy class. Prices shown are per person, based on double occupancy in lead room category, unless otherwise stated, including applicable taxes & fees. Space and prices are subject to availability at time of booking and subject to change without prior notice. Limited seats available at prices indicated: 20 per departure. Prices advertised are valid from March 23 to 26, 2017, on new individual bookings. Travel Agency fees may apply. For full descriptions and terms and conditions, refer to transat.com. Transat is a division of Transat Tours Canada Inc., and is registered as a travel wholesaler in Ontario (Reg #50009486) with offices at 191 The West Mall, Suite 800, Etobicoke, ON M9C 5K8. Transat Travel Base Mile offer is 1/$35 on vacation packages, cruise fares and charter flights. Other terms & conditions may apply. Transat Travel is a division of Transat Distribution Canada Inc. ON Reg. #50015084. Head Office: 191 The West Mall, Suite 700, Etobicoke, ON, M9C 5K8. ®™Trademarks of AIR MILES International Trading B.V. Used under license by LoyaltyOne, Co. and Transat Distribution Canada Inc.

2017 BUDGET

5 Things worth taking note of in the budget

The 2017 federal budget has money for transit, affordable housing and is the first-ever budget to be considered through a gender-based prism.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS



Minister of Finance Bill Morneau speaks in the House of Commons on Wednesday.
JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 Gender equality

In what was billed as an historic first, the Liberal government says the entire 2017 federal budget was considered through a gender-based prism, with specific investments framed to promote equality and bring more women into the workforce. Speaking to Parliament on Wednesday, Finance Minister Bill Morneau said all measures in the new budget were assessed based on their impact on women. The "Gender Statement" in the 2017 budget outlines the persisting wage gap between men and women in Canada, as well as the over-representation of women in lower income sectors and the low proportion of women in management and boardroom positions.

2 Transit

The government will spend $20.6 billion over the next 11 years across the country on public transit projects. The Liberals are prepared to cover up to 40 per cent of new subways and light rail lines.

The number rises to 50 per cent for repair or rehabilitation projects, but the government is capping the amount that can be spent on rehabilitation, favouring the construction of new projects. As cities had asked, there will be no application process, with money flowing based on an agreed upon formula that will prioritize cities that already have large transit ridership.

3 Housing

The government is investing $11.2 billion over 11 years on affordable housing. The money won't start flowing until after the 2019 election, even as cities across the country are closing subsidized housing units and have people on long wait lists.

The funding will go to the provinces to build new units and repair existing ones, as well as a new national housing fund that will provide low-coast loans for more hosing units and help keep current rent-geared-to-income units open. The government is also pledging to open up more federal land at little or no cost for affordable housing.

4 Child care

The budget includes $7 billion over the next decade to increase access to affordable child care, the option to begin maternity leave earlier or extend parental leave to 18 months.

The details outlined estimated that child care spending could create 40,000 new, subsidized daycare spaces countrywide over the next three years, representing a bump of less than 10 per cent in the overall number of spaces, although it's unclear how the Liberals came to that figure. The budget said the money could help parents more easily enter the labour force, particularly women, much as it did in Quebec.

5 Ethics training for judges

The federal government will invest additional $2.7 million over five years, plus $500,000 annually afterwards, for the Canadian Judicial Council to support training on ethics and conduct for federally appointed judges, while also ensuring access to professional development that is gender and culturally sensitive.

2017 BUDGET

An RCMP officer helps asylum seekers, claiming to be from Turkey, cross the border from New York into Canada on March 8, 2017 in Hemmingford, Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Discouraging' for immigration

MONEY

Budget ignores plea for more cash to deal with backlog

Despite a worsening backlog and surging number of land-border asylum claims via the U.S., the beleaguered Immigration and Refugee Board will not be getting any relief from the Liberal government.

Although the 2017 budget provides $62.9 million over five years — and $11.5 million per year thereafter — for legal aid services for asylum claimants, it ignored a recent plea from IRB chair Mario Dion for additional money to deal with its rising backlog of refugee claims, which is expected to hit 30,000 cases this year.

"It is discouraging," said Janet Dench of the Canadian Council for Refugees. "We are expecting the number of claims to go up dramatically. This is going to hurt everybody."

The number of refugees arriving in Canada went up by 48 per cent to 5,520 in the first two months of this year, including 2,145 who crossed the land border via the United States.

Instead of ensuring there is money to hire enough refugee judges to hear asylum claims, the government said it will spend $29 million in the next five years to make permanent an unpopular "reviews and interventions pilot project."

Launched in 2012, the project assigns representatives from the Canada Border Services Agency and the Immigration Department to intervene in refugee hearings by raising concerns over the credibility of claims.

A 2015 internal evaluation of the program identified operational challenges because of causes confusion and redundancy around responsibilities between the two government departments.

"It is inefficient, wasteful intervention that causes delays. Their submissions are often poorly thought out," Dench said.

On the immigration front, critics said little change was made to improve the temporary foreign worker program, other than a new permit exemption for short-duration work terms for intercompany exchanges, study exchanges or the entrance of temporary expertise.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

More losers in the budget

While some are winning big in certain areas of the Liberal government's 2017 budget, there are some areas in which people will lose.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Friday night fun

The budget imposes tax hikes to alcohol, cigarettes and ensures that ride-sharing services such as Uber charges passengers GST and HST. The increased "sin taxes" are effective Thursday and will put an additional $55 million from tobacco and $30 million from alcohol in government coffers in the 2017–18 fiscal year. The excise duty rate on cigarettes is increasing to $21.56 per 200 cigarettes. For alcohol, the excise duty rates are going up two per cent.

2 Military

No new funding — yet. The budget offers no additional cash for the military but the government says stay tuned, promising a long-term funding plan in the coming months, after it has released a new vision for the Canadian Armed Forces.

THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

3 Tax cheats

The budget commits $523 million over five years to crack down on tax evasion and improved tax compliance. Tax auditors and fraud investigators get funds to pursue tax cheats, and the government expects them to collect five times that much in additional taxes. "Tax loopholes, evasion and avoidance and aggressive tax-planning take billions from our economy and from middle class families," says the budget.

Arctic sea ice at record low

CLIMATE CHANGE

Lowest level in 38 years of satellite record-keeping

Ice floes in Baffin Bay above the Arctic Circle, as seen from the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Louis S. St-Laurent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arctic sea ice is at a record low for the third straight year.

The measurements from the U.S.-based National Snow and Ice Data Center say the ice reached its maximum extent on March 7.

It was the lowest level in the 38-year history of satellite record-keeping. "I have been looking at Arctic weather patterns for 35 years and have never seen anything close to what we've experienced these past two winters," Mark Serreze, the centre's director, said in a release.

The sea ice encompassed 14.4 million square kilometres at its largest. Figures for both 2015 and 2016 were about 14.5 million square kilometres.

The median figure for 1981 to 2010 was 15.6 million square kilometres.

Sea ice is crucial to Arctic life from polar bears to plankton and is believed to influence southern weather patterns.

Recent research has suggested that a good part of sea-ice decline could be due to natural variability. But most of the losses are still blamed on climate change and are expected to increase as carbon dioxide continues to build in the atmosphere.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which partly funds the Snow and Ice Data Center, said Arctic temperatures this winter were the highest they'd been since 1900 when records began.

Average temperatures were two degrees warmer than the 1981-2010 average and 3.5 degrees warmer than 1900. Ocean temperatures off Greenland were five degrees higher than the 30-year average.

Other organizations, including the European Space Agency and the University of Washington, have concluded that not only is the sea ice extent smaller this year, the ice itself is thinner.

"Such thin ice going into the melt season sets us up for the possibility of record low sea ice conditions this September," said Julienne Stroeve, a data centre scientist and professor at the University College London.

The sea ice minimum, which occurs in September at the end of the melt season, first began breaking records in 2005. It broke the record for low extent again in 2007 and in 2012. Antarctic sea ice reached its minimum extent for the year on March 3 at 2.11 million square kilometres, also the lowest in satellite records. However, the data centre reports Antarctic ice is highly variable and was at its highest level 2 1/2 years ago.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is threatened with proposed budget cuts by the Trump White House.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTIMATE IMAGES

Six teens plead guilty

Six male youths in Nova Scotia pleaded guilty Wednesday to sharing intimate images of high school girls without their consent, concluding one of Canada's largest prosecutions involving a relatively untested but high-profile law.

The six were charged in July 2016 after police in Bridgewater, N.S., concluded a year-long investigation by alleging the teens — all local high school students — had distributed intimate images of at least 20 girls.

"We hope that the notoriety of this case produces more awareness across the country that this type of conduct isn't simply boys being boys — and it's not simply a school disciplinary problem," said Peter Dostal, a senior Crown attorney with the province's special prosecutions office.

The case is one of the first in Canada involving legislation introduced in late 2013 after the death of Nova Scotia teen Rehtaeh Parsons, which captured national attention.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

PANDORA

THE PANDORA STORE AT

TORONTO EATON CENTRE
647.347.8460 • EATONCENTREJEWELLERY.CA

ROYAL BANK PLAZA
416.360.1467 • ROYALBANKJEWELLERY.CA

FAIRVIEW MALL
416.492.5777 • FAIRVIEWJEWELLERY.CA

© 2016 Pandora Jewelry, LLC • All rights reserved

GEAR UP EVENT

Samsung Galaxy S7 Edge | Samsung Galaxy A5 | Samsung Galaxy S7

Get the Samsung phone you want

$0

With select 2-yr **Share Everything**™ plans.[1]

Gear up for savings for you and your family.

Hurry into a Rogers store today!

ROGERS™

1 Offer valid for a limited time or while supplies last, and is subject to change without notice. Discounted price applies to Samsung S7 Edge on 2-year Premium+ Tab Share Everything plans, Samsung S7 and Samsung A5 on 2-year Premium Tab Share Everything Plans. A Connection Fee of $20/line applies to activate your service. Early Cancellation fee and/or price plan downgrade fee applies in accordance with your service agreement. ©2017 Rogers Communications Inc.

ROGERS. Authorized Dealer

Ajax	
Baywood Centre	905-686-8061
Aurora	
15483 Yonge St.	905-726-1050
Bolton	
SmartCentres Bolton	905-857-1204
Brampton	
4520 Ebenezer Rd.	905-794-3656
70 Resolution Dr.	905-455-0005
Etobicoke	
Cloverdale Mall	416-231-5973
Georgetown	
Georgetown Market Place	905-877-4959
Maple	
2943 Major Mackenzie Dr.	905-832-7103
Markham	
9570 McCowan Rd.	905-205-0115
Pacific Mall	905-944-9959
Mississauga	
Dixie Outlet Mall	905-274-8884
SmartCentres Erindale	905-361-0661
3021 Argentia Rd.	905-824-2210
Meadowvale Town Centre	905-542-9933
Newmarket	
16715 Yonge St.	905-830-9944
North York	
Fairview Mall	416-492-8800
Centerpoint Mall	416-512-8800
4980 Yonge St.	416-640-2815
Sheridan Mall	416-235-1656
Pickering	
1899 Brock Rd.	905-686-6558
Pickering Town Centre	905-420-0744
Richmond Hill	
10 West Pearce St.	905-731-7318
Hillcrest Mall	905-770-4433
13390 Yonge St.	905-773-4888
The Yonge Elgin Centre	905-884-9558
Scarborough	
SmartCentres Scarborough	416-642-2031
Cedarbrae Mall	416-644-0041
411 Kennedy Rd.	416-266-3160
Agincourt Mall	647-350-0882
Victoria Commons	647-258-0267
Thornhill	
Shops On Steeles	905-882-9777
31 Disera Dr.	905-882-9777
Promenade Mall	905-482-2733
Toronto	
255 Front St. W	416-506-0809
2200 Yonge St.	416-322-9079
22 Dixon Rd.	416-246-1656
604 Bloor St. W	416-533-1656
6620 Finch Ave. W	416-740-4911
919 Bay St.	416-850-0231
939 Eglinton Ave. E	416-467-9800
East York Town Centre	416-429-6968
61 Hanna Ave.	416-971-9700
Victoria Terrace Shopping Centre	416-757-1666
525 University Ave.	416-640-5998
RioCan Marketplace	416-572-0060
Dufferin Mall	416-588-6668
Woodbridge	
200 Whitmore Rd.	905-850-8505
5731 Hwy 7	905-266-0003

May vows to 'move forward' after attack

TERRORISM

Five killed, 40 injured in horror at Parliament

A knife-wielding man went on a deadly rampage in the heart of Britain's seat of power Wednesday, plowing a car into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer to death inside the gates of Parliament. Five people were killed, including the assailant, and 40 others were injured in what Prime Minister Theresa May condemned as a "sick and depraved terrorist attack."

Lawmakers, lords, staff and visitors were locked down after the man was shot by police within the perimeter of Parliament, just metres from entrances to the building itself and in the shadow of the iconic Big Ben clock tower. He died, as did three pedestrians on the bridge, and the police officer.

A doctor who treated the wounded from the bridge said some had "catastrophic" injuries. Three police officers, several French teenagers on a school trip and two Romanian tourists were among the casualties.

Police said they were treating the attack as terrorism. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Metropolitan Police counterterrorism chief Mark Rowley said police believed there was only one attacker, "but it would be foolish to be overconfident early on."

The threat level for international terrorism in the U.K. was already listed at severe, meaning an attack was "highly likely."

Speaking outside 10 Downing St. after chairing a meeting of government's emergency committee, COBRA, May said that level would not change. She said attempts to defeat British values of democracy and freedom through terrorism would fail.

"Tomorrow morning, Parliament will meet as normal," she said. Londoners and visitors "will all move forward together, never giving in to terror and never allowing the voices of hate and evil to drive us apart."

U.S. President Donald Trump was among world leaders offering condolences, and in Paris, the lights of the Eiffel Tower were to be dimmed in solidarity with London.

New Zealand Prime Minister Bill English told reporters in Rotorua that he has written to British Prim May to express support for her government and to offer his country's condolences to the victim's families, while South Korea's Foreign Ministry says five South Koreans were among the 40 people injured in London during the terror attack outside Parliament.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 British Prime Minister Theresa May speaks outside 10 Downing Street in central London on Wednesday, after the terror incident in the U.K. Parliament.

2 An armed police officer guards Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday.

3 A member of Parliament helps emergency services attend to an injured person outside the Houses of Parliament. PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES & THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUROPE

Brussels marks anniversary of massacre

People mark one-year since the attack in Brussels on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

As the chaos in London, U.K. ensued, the city of Brussels , Belgium was marking the one-year anniversary of a day in which three bombers killed 32 people and wounded more than 300 in the Brussels airport and subway a year ago.

A year later, the city's physical scars may have healed, but the pain is still there. Residents and authorities are determined to forge ahead, without changing the character of their city.

"It's the responsibility of each and every one of us to make our society more humane, and more just," King Philippe told a remembrance service as a new monument was unveiled to the victims in the Belgian capital's European quarter.

"Above all, let us dare to be tender," he said.

The fear of an attack is widely shared across Europe, underlined at Britain's parliament Wednesday as an attacker stabbed an officer and was then shot by police, and witnesses said a vehicle struck several people on the nearby bridge.

Even if locals in Brussels are mostly oblivious to heavily armed paratroopers patrolling the city's landmarks, visitors still stop in their tracks when they notice the camouflage dress and the machine-guns.

Normality is still far off on the anniversary of the attacks.

Before the attacks, said Patrick Bontinck, CEO of the Visit Brussels tourist office, "tourism was growing approximately 10 per cent each year since five years."

"We had a drop of approximately from 30 to 40 per cent in just two or three days after the attack," Bontinck said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADA

Trudeau to London: 'We stand with you'

The apparent terrorist incident outside the British Parliament is a cowardly attack on democracy around the world, says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Canada stands ready to help Britain in any way it can after the attack, which left at least five dead in London, Trudeau said Wednesday.

The dead included the attacker and a police officer, and some 20 more were wounded in the incident, which occurred on the grounds of the Parliament Buildings and the nearby Westminster Bridge, London police said.

The British Parliament was locked down while police searched the area to ensure there were no other attackers.

In Canada's House of Commons, Trudeau called the attack on Britain's seat of democracy "a cowardly and reprehensible act that we condemn in the strongest terms.

"Canada and the U.K. are close friends and allies and our message to the citizens of the United Kingdom and our colleagues in the British Parliament is simple: We stand with you."

Trudeau said the scene unfolding in London was "all too familiar" to MPs who were on Parliament Hill in October 2014 when a gun-toting Michael Zehaf Bibeau stormed into Centre Block after killing a soldier at the nearby National War Memorial.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Trudeau THE CANADIAN PRESS

UNITED STATES

Trump 'vindicated' after intel briefing

Communications of Donald Trump's transition officials — possibly including the incoming president himself — may have been scooped up in legal surveillance but then improperly distributed throughout the intelligence community, the chairman of the House intelligence committee said Wednesday.

In an extraordinary set of statements to reporters, Republican Rep. Devin Nunes said the intercepted communications do not appear to be related to the ongoing FBI investigation into Trump associates' contacts with Russia or any criminal warrants.

Trump said he felt "somewhat" vindicated by the revelations, despite the fact Nunes said the new information did not change his assessment that the president's claim Barack Obama wiretapped his skyscraper was false. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

African states urged to provide safe water

INFRASTRUCTURE

World health agency says 1.8 billion use unsafe supply

A man drinks water pumped from the Nile river on in Juba, South Sudan. Nearly a third of people in sub-Saharan Africa do not have access to safe drinking water. GETTY IMAGES

Nearly a third of people in sub-Saharan Africa do not have access to safe drinking water, the World Water Council said Wednesday, urging governments to contribute adequate amounts of their budgets toward projects aimed at making safe water widely available.

"There is an absolute necessity to increase water security in order to overcome the challenges brought on by climate change and human influence ... We need commitment at the highest levels," the organization's president, Benedito Braga, said in a statement marking World Water Day.

Africa and Asia are the most affected by scarcity of safe water, with Papua New Guinea, Equatorial Guinea and Angola reporting that clean water is available to less than 50 per cent of their populations, the statement said.

Globally, at least 1.8 billion people use a drinking-water source contaminated with feces, and half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas by 2025, according to the World Health Organization.

The water problem is particularly serious in sub-Saharan Africa, where 32 per cent of people lack access to clean water and where some of the world's poorest live.

In Africa's largest city, environmental activists protested for better access to clean water. Community leaders in Lagos, Nigeria, said residents of the sprawling city of 21 million are suffering.

"When we fetch the water, it foams and smells like petrol and detergent was poured into it," Barakatu Elegbede said.

Less than 20 per cent of Lagos residents have access to clean water, said activist Akinbode Oluwafemi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RED CROSS

The international Red Cross is appealing for $400 million to help millions of people facing famine or the risk of it in four conflict-ridden countries: Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan and Nigeria. The Geneva-based humanitarian agency said Wednesday it wants a "massive scale-up" in assistance and hopes to provide "essential aid" to about 5 million people.

TORONTO MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICES

Professional & friendly veterinary care all in the comfort of your own home!! We provide general, emergency and procedural services and much more!! **Open after-hours, weekends and holidays.**

Call 647.389.4VET (4838) OR visit **www.tomobilevet.com** for an appointment TODAY!!

WE NEED **MALES & FEMALES**

Are you a healthy, non-smoking,

MALE OR FEMALE 18 AND OVER?

- Free of daily medications?

If so, you may be eligible for our upcoming clinical research studies:

- We conduct weekdays as well as weekend studies.
- Compensation may range from **$1,000** to **$4,000** depending on the length of the study.

BioPharma SERVICES INC.
Research. Results. Reliability.

CALL: **416-747-5246** Toll Free: 1-866-747-5246
Mon-Fri: 8a m-6pm, Sat-Sun: 10am-6pm
4000 Weston Road, Toronto | www.biopharmaservices.com

metro VIEW

New episode March 24 featuring Sadiya Ansari and Tristin Hopper

CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE BUDGET WE'VE SEEN BEFORE

Finance Minister Bill Morneau's second budget is, for the most part, a wordy rewrite of his previous one ... a sea of words that almost manages to drown the inconvenient fact that he is putting little or no money where his mouth is until just before the next election.

If you subscribe to the notion that governments are meant to walk their talk at budget time, then Justin Trudeau's Liberals are on a treadmill.

Finance minister Bill Morneau's second budget is, for the most part, a wordy rewrite of his previous one.

It adds up to sea of words that almost manage to drown the inconvenient fact that, in most instances, he is putting little or no money where his mouth is until just before the next election.

Take innovation, the self-declared theme of the 2017 budget. As advertised, it has pride of place in the budget.

But that placement brings the government perilously close to indulging in false advertising.

Morneau's strategy, to put it charitably, is a work-in-progress. The government is still in consultation mode on most of the plan. Legislation to set up a previously announced infrastructure bank has yet to be introduced.

The government says it is about to engage in discussions with the CRTC as to how to go about ensuring high-speed Internet access for all Canadians.

That promise first surfaced in a Paul Martin budget in a previous century . . .

The government wants to make it easier for unemployed Canadians to get training through unemployment insurance. But, if you are out of work this year, you may also be out of luck; the government is not planning to spend new money in its skills section of its innovation agenda until next year.

Morneau's strategy is, to put it charitably, a work-in-progress.

MORE OF THE SAME FROM MORNEAU There are plenty of understandable reasons even a government as young as this one would go on a holding pattern, Chantal Hébert writes. SEAN KILPATRICK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moving on to social programs, we are again presented with a slow-paced rollout that will see dollars magically materialize in greater numbers just before the next campaign.

The budget devotes what may be an all-time record number of lines to social and affordable housing, but only 20 million dollars to the file this year. It will be going up to almost a billion dollars in 2018-19.

On paper, the government is committed to helping the provinces create thousands of new child care spaces. But funds for the initiative will not start flowing until the last fiscal year of the mandate.

Ditto for culture. The Liberals would spend an extra two billion dollars over 10 years on support for the culture industry . . . with the first instalment scheduled for 2018-19.

In the same spirit, the provinces will not see the colour of most of the extra money they were promised for home-care and mental health before the next election.

There are plenty of understandable reasons why even a government as young as this one would go on a holding pattern.

It will take more time for the dust to settle in the wake of the advent of Donald Trump's administration. (Indeed that dust may never really settle.)

Meanwhile, the future of Canada's trade relationship with the U.S. and the country's trade agenda, itself, are up in the air.

Trudeau's government already has irons in the fire on a number of fronts.

Its carbon-pricing plan has yet to be implemented. The future of the pipeline plans it has approved is uncertain. The clock is ticking on the promise to legalize marijuana as it is on the commitment to striking a new deal with Canada's aboriginals.

The first Liberal budget was replete with big-ticket items, leaving it, over a period of uncertain economic growth, with little more than spare change to throw at other priorities.

Given all of the above, it is possible to construe Morneau's initial budget as a five-year spending plan and this year's instalment as the outline of the next Liberal election platform.

Except that it was not just spending on defining items on the Liberal agenda that is being shovelled forward; the government has yet to determine whether to bite the bullet on defence spending and respond to American pressures to up its contribution to NATO. A continuing defence review will eventually shed light on that.

The government is still flirting with the possible privatization of airports. That could be fraught with political perils. Those perils will only increase as we approach the election deadline.

It has postponed a comprehensive tax reform to another day. The political price tag on that could, too, increase with every passing month until the next campaign.

Last, but not least, it has yet to turn its mind to charting a credible path to return to balanced budgets.

As former prime minister Paul Martin could testify from firsthand experience, the line between prudence and dithering is a fine one.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

I need to have a baby to benefit from this budget

Vicky Mochama
Metro

I really don't want one but I think I should have a kid. I was reviewing the new federal budget and that's probably my best move.

Finance minister Bill Morneau introduced it with an anecdote about a Toronto taxi driver who, on recognizing Morneau, called his wife so they both could tell the minister about the positive impact the Canada child benefit has had on their lives. Good for them and their anecdotal children.

This budget goes further in supporting families. It proposes to let mothers to take more of their maternity leave in advance of giving birth and allow families to choose to spread parental leave payments over 18 months instead of the current 12.

I, for one, hope Morneau takes the bus when he's in town, because I might like to meet him to have a few choice words about the mid-2017 elimination of the public transit tax credit. It helped offset the cost of transportation by allowing you to deduct part of the cost of a transit pass on your income tax.

The government's solution is to give millions more to provinces and territories directly and through the proposed Canada Infrastructure Bank.

All that money goes to projects that are in progress and regional plans that are under discussion. None of it goes towards a young person who is paying more and more for transit that doesn't go very far.

Recently, I added up how much I spend on cabs including Uber. I didn't like the number. Yesterday's budget promised to make it even bigger by requiring taxi-like ridesharing services to pay GST/HST – a tax increase that will be passed on to consumers. Now, if only there were some kind of infrastructure bank that paid for faster, more efficient transit so I didn't have to take cabs.

Perhaps their back-up plan is the Youth Service Initiative, which was mentioned in last year's budget. This year's budget allocates no money for this idea but there is a call for proposals.

My idea: Un- and under-employed youth should be drafted into service to piggy-back those of us who can no longer afford transit passes.

Speaking to press, Opposition Leader Rona Ambrose insisted her party would be the voice of the taxpayer. Who, I ask, will represent those of us who um, ah, haven't been super on top of our paperwork? (Hey, CRA, these are jokes. I promise.)

The budget also increases the excise duty on alcohol paid by importers and producers. This is a niche problem, but the price of my favourite wine has already gone up. A two-per-cent tax increase brings me down to just one or three bottles per week.

Which is bad, because I might need a glass or two to get into this baby-making venture.

metro
Your essential daily news

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PRINT
Sandy MacLeod

VICE PRESIDENT & EDITOR
Cathrin Bradbury

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, REGIONAL SALES
Steve Shrout

MANAGING EDITOR TORONTO
Angela Mullins

ADVERTISER INQUIRIES
adinfotoronto@metronews.ca
General phone 416-486-4900

FREE TO SHARE

Philosopher cat now at
www.mymetrostore.ca

metro LIFE

Your essential daily news

Scribes behind TLC's 1999 hit No Scrubs now listed as co-writers of Ed Sheeran's Shape of You

INTERVIEW

A very American movement will lead the demise of expertise: Author

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

No one listens to the experts anymore

Americans steadfastly believe in the common sense of the common person, says Tom Nichols, author of The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters. ISTOCK/ILLUSTRATION

Tom Nichols is an expert. He has a PhD in government from Georgetown University. He's an authority on Russian politics and a professor at the United States Naval War College. But, he argues in The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters, practically no one cares.

Across society, rich and poor, right and left, we're not just dismissing or criticizing experts, but pooh-poohing the whole idea of expertise itself, he writes. And because it came out just as the world is reckoning with the rise of a proudly inexpert U.S. president, his book has touched a nerve.

You might know Nichols from Twitter as @RadioFreeTom, a famously ruthless conservative critic of President Trump. (He reluctantly supported Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election).

We asked him about the anti-expert trend and what to do with it.

There's always been anti-intellectualism. But it's become so noticeable. What's happening?
People don't want to talk about it, but it's because of the growth of narcissism in our society. We really have become so acclimated to thinking that our views on everything are as important and as worthwhile as everyone else's. Every professional in the world at this point has encountered somebody who has told them how to do their job.

You blame this in part on higher education.
I think a motivated, intelligent student can still get a great education in Europe, Canada or the United States. But in the competition for students and loan dollars, colleges are marketing themselves to teenagers as though they're cars. Many more people are going to college, and many of them shouldn't be going. And that hurts the whole issue of expertise because ... college is no longer a good discriminator for who knows what they're talking about.

The U.S. has elected a president who isn't shy about his lack of expertise. What was it like watching this wave of Trump mania?
I saw it coming. And this wasn't the first election. Although people want to tie this pretty strongly to Donald Trump, it's important to remember Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's followers believed a lot of outrageous things as well. This has been going on for years. The Trump campaign, better than anybody, caught this wave and surfed it effectively

Is there something specifically American about the anti-expertise trend?
Americans are not comfortable with ideas of class. We believe in the common sense of the common person. So there's always been fertile ground for questioning experts. What's different is this phenomenon of everyone turning into insufferable know-it-alls. We (used to have) a healthy respect for the division of labour. And that's gone

Could automation be creating a false sense that jobs are simple and easy?
Absolutely right. The death of expertise is a disease of affluence. When you're looking around the world and everything just works, you say, "How hard can this be? Who can't fly a plane?" The other problem with so much technology is it makes people realize how dependent on experts they are. And that breeds a sense of helplessness and anger.

Tom Nichols

What do you think will make average people suffer the most under this trend?
Most troubles are recoverable. I mean if you screw up the economy, you can recover. But when people are out there suggesting that we need to do something firm about Ukraine, and then cannot place Ukraine on the right continent on a map, I worry that we're really headed into problems of war and peace. This kind of ignorant populism sooner or later will either decay into authoritarianism, or — the bigger danger — experts will simply disengage and start running things without arguing with the public.

Does anything give you hope that this can be turned around?
Nope. There's no hope. Thanks for the interview!

Really?
Well, I admit I'm somewhat pessimistic. I think the thing that's most likely to change this is some kind of economic or foreign policy disaster or a pandemic. Nothing will end the anti-vaxxer nonsense faster than a pandemic.

Join our Metro Reader Panel and you could win $500!*

metro Learn more at metronews.ca/panel

*No purchase necessary. Entry period is Monday, February 6, until Friday, March 31, 2017 at 11:59 pm. Odds of winning depend on total number of p... one entry per person ... available online at www.metronews.ca/panel

Netflix can chill on tax? Not so fast

BUDGET 2017 ANALYSIS

New Uber tax may set stage for tariff on digital content

Joe Callaghan
Metro Canada

The world's leading streaming service might have breathed an initial sigh of relief on Wednesday afternoon when it scanned the 2017 Federal Budget and found itself off the hook in the government's plan for the coming year.

Some observers had focused on the possible introduction of a 'Netflix tax' in Wednesday's budget. In the wake of Heritage Minister Melanie Joly's indication earlier this year that she was eager to find a way to both establish a tax on digital content subscriptions and upgrade Canadian content rules for the digital age, Netflix looked to be in the firing line.

But the initial impression that they came out unscathed may be off the mark.

The 'Uber tax,' which was one of the headline policies unveiled by Finance Minister Bill Morneau Wednesday, set the precedent for a broader tax on digital services, a net that Netflix could in the future find itself caught up in.

Michael Geist, University of Ottawa law professor and one of the country's foremost voices on wireless and digital commerce, saw it that way.

"The biggest digital implications may ultimately come from the policy reforms," he wrote in an analysis of the budget. "First up may be new digital sales taxes. The…commitment to extend sales taxes to ride sharing companies such as Uber, (is) a move that seems likely to ultimately lead to a broader extension of sales taxes to digital services such as Netflix."

The Los Gatos, Calif.-based streaming service, which has more than 5 million subscribers in this country, has been engaged in a stand-off with successive Canadian governments on a number of fronts. One of the debates is whether it should have to contribute to the Canadian Media Fund and Canadian content, something it is exempt from under the current Broadcasting Act because its operations aren't based here.

> **The coming year will have enormous implications for the future of Canada's digital policies**
>
> Michael Geist, law professor

But with yesterday's budget promising reforms in both the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Acts, upheaval is likely.

"This guarantees that the major policy fights of the past year will continue into the next," added Geist in his post on michaelgeist.ca.

Artists hope $300M will mean more space to create

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Last year's rollout of a raft of cultural funding by the Liberal government was never likely to be mirrored with another bonanza for the arts Wednesday. But the creative sector wasn't left totally empty handed.

One of the pledges came buried on page 142 of Finance Minister Bill Morneau's plan for the next year. Budget 2017 outlined a $300 million boost to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund which the government said will help "construct, renovate and better equip" creative spaces "for the next generation."

Prem Gill, CEO of Creative BC, an independent agency responsible for promoting the development of creative industries in the province, welcomed the proposal.

"In general we're seeing much more of a collaborative shared workspace environment across the creative and tech industries," Gill told Metro. "Investing in any program that brings talent together especially in the creative industry always has a huge benefit. You're probably talking about upgrading and creating new spaces. You want it to fuel creativity when you bring people together."

For the on-the-ground creatives, yesterday's pledge also found welcoming ears.

Tom Chwieszczenik is a Toronto-based landscape architect who throughout the winter turns his attention to Winter Stations (pictured), a design competition challenging artists to turn a clutch of lifeguard stations along the city's lakefront into installations.

In light of concerns over high-profile urban creative hubs disappearing — 401 Richmond, a long-standing hive for some of Toronto's creative and non-profits, is fighting crippling tax hikes — Chwieszczenik welcomed the Cultural Spaces boost.

"It's great that they're upping the funding in this area. It's somewhere where there is always funding and support needed. When you read about what's going on with 401 Richmond and all those other spaces, it's somewhere we need assistance right now," he said.

"From what I hear, from my friends in other categories in the arts, they all do have moments where they struggle, across the board. It's really great to hear them use terms like the creative (economy)."

JOE CALLAGHAN/METRO

EARN UP TO $3500!

Apotex is currently recruiting healthy men and women to participate in studies on pharmaceutical products.

Are you a Healthy Male or Female between 18 and 55 years of age? If so, we want to hear from you!

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.APOTEX.CA
or Call: 416.741.4256
Toll Free: 1.877.APO.CLNC (1.877.276.2562)
Hours: 8:30AM to 5PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

APOTEX
ADVANCING GENERICS

Her memoir about life as an outsider

INTERVIEW

Joan Juliet Buck talks Hollywood, Paris, Vogue

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

There is a leaf blower creating a ruckus outside Joan Juliet Buck's room at the Chateau Marmont.

The iconic Sunset Boulevard hotel, with its intimidating stonewalls and discreet staff, has been a famous hideout for Hollywood celebrities, supermodels and other beautiful people since the 1930s. It's a world in which Buck is familiar — her father co-owned a film production company with Peter O'Toole, her mother was an actor whose best friend was Lauren Bacall. But it's a world Buck has happily left behind, preferring now the more bohemian company of artists, writers and theatre performers.

Buck is on the phone at the Marmont doing interviews for her new memoir, The Price of Illusion, which chronicles her early life as an expat in Paris, her teenage years as an It Girl in Swinging London, a string of romantic affairs with the likes of Donald Sutherland and Eric Rothschild (she turned down an offer from Leonard Cohen to run away with him to Greece), and her career as a cultural reviewer.

Buck is best known as the only American to edit Vogue Paris, which she did for seven years — injecting colour, culture and "playfulness" into its staid pages until 2001 — when she was inexplicably banished and sent away to rehab by her boss, the head of Condé Nast International, for a phantom addiction she clearly didn't suffer from.

The first draft of The Price of Illusion was more than 1,000 pages long, not surprising given Buck's rich life, her travels and the people she has encountered (there's even a chilling ghost story). But something happened as she "whittled and sculpted" to find the truth. "I zeroed in on the thing that had been the problem all along, which has been illusion," Buck says. "I thought there were parts of my life that were testaments to authenticity, and it was always something that I was seeking — except I loved all the glamour and the fantasy."

Buck spent much of her life feeling like a perpetual outsider, from the time her family moved to Paris when she was three, to her reign at Vogue.

"Unless I am really focused with a purpose on doing something like writing or now acting, I never quite felt I belong," she says. One place that did feel like home to Buck was at the Irish estate of her father's friend and colleague, film producer John Huston — more specifically with his wife Ricki, a former ballet dancer who was killed in a car crash at age 39.

Ricki's daughters, actor Angelica and author Allegra Huston, who Buck refers to as "semi-sisters," became unofficial fact checkers for the book.

"Ricki was open to everything," Buck says. "She allowed Angelica and me to work with clay on the kitchen table. She didn't say, 'You're going to make a mess.' She'd say, 'What are you making?'"

Now age 68, Buck spends most of her time surrounded by trees at her small home in the Hudson Valley, which she bought after giving up her loft in New York's Hell's Kitchen.

She surrounds herself only with true friends, having given up any "fake relationships" from the past.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

Joan Juliet Buck. CONTRIBUTED

RELATIONSHIPS

Using HR tactics to find new romance

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

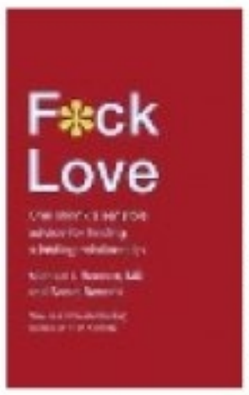
A lot of us think that to fall in love with the right person, all you need is to listen to your feelings and follow your heart. But father-daughter duo Michael Bennet, a therapist, and Sarah Bennet, a writer, have one thing to say about that: F*ck it. Their new book, F*ck love, is about how to approach the business of your love life as just that, a business. Here is their best advice for making your own luck in love.

How does your book differ others on how to find love?
Sarah: Those other books say you have the power to find the man or woman of your dreams. The problem is, you don't actually have that power. Most of us, we do a lot of work, or we have a lot of good luck. Our book gets you to think more about what you can control and manage.
Michael: One of things we think you can control is avoiding relationships where you love somebody and get attached to them, and they're not good for you. The months and years go by, and in the meantime you're not available for the relationship that you do need. Understand that your feelings are going to be blind, are going to pull you nine times out of ten to someone who may not be right for you. You can't make good things happen, that takes luck. But you can protect yourself from a lot of bad things.

You talk about using an HR approach to finding a partner. Does that take any of the mystery, intrigue and sexiness out of love?
Michael: Of course there has to be chemistry. You have to get interested. But once you're interested, you tend to forget all the basic common sense that goes into HR searches. If you aren't diligent in your HR procedures and you hire somebody just because they're attractive, you're going to be very, very sorry.

Divorce so often is not a matter of falling out of love over something subtle. It's because something was missing from the beginning, like reliability or solid commitment to the same values, or an ability to handle money. Those are HR things.
Sarah: Marriage is hard work. And it's harder work when you've committed to someone who isn't going to do their share.

> **Very, very charming people are crazy**
> Michael Bennett



You write that some qualities we think of as critical, like intelligence and sense of humour, are not important. What is the most overrated trait people go for?
Sarah: Charisma. It's the most deceiving because it's the most seductive. The most charismatic person can blind you very quickly to what you should be looking for. Also, you don't know if that charming with everyone or just with you.
Michael: Very, very charming people are crazy.

What about the most underrated?
Sarah: I'd say wealth. Because people assume that if you're looking for wealth you're shallow. But if you start a life or have kids with someone who is bad with money or doesn't let you help with money, or doesn't have money or any way of getting it, you're asking for a world of pain.

If you have a person who is unlucky in love, or someone who keeps going after the wrong people, what is your best advice?
Michael: It's too bad, you just have to stop it. So, you know, they say "Why?" And I say that's not an acceptable question. While you're asking why, you're not stopping it. We're never going to find out why. It is what it is. Maybe you're just made that way. You've just got to stop it by mobilizing your values that tell you, "I want something else."
Sarah: My quick tip would be, if they keep doing the same thing over and over, is to write a list of the traits of these guys that suck. Do they share any traits? Make copies of that list, give it to your friends, and give them permission: "If I start dating someone and you see them have any of these traits, I'm allowing you to tap me on the shoulder and say 'Here are the things you've got to be careful of.'"

FEMINISM

Renewed meaning in Handmaid's Tale

Ali Vanderkruyk
Metro | Toronto

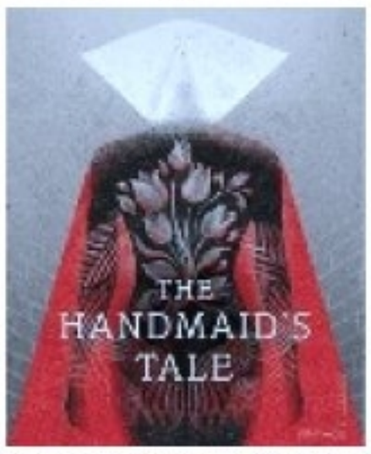
Margaret Atwood's 1985 novel has new reach and relevance.

A few weeks ago, it was number one on the bestseller list on Amazon. In April, the new television adaptation will premiere. The surge of interest in the dystopian tale comes at a time when the theme of totalitarianism no longer seems so imaginary.

In Texas on Monday, pro-choice activists arrived in the Senate dressed in the white bonnets and red robes from The Handmaid's Tale as several abortion-related bills were considered. Two bills were the targets of protest: SB 415, a regulation that would ban a common procedure used for second trimester abortions, and SB 25, a bill that would essentially allow doctors to lie to their patients if they detect a fetal anomaly.

The Handmaid's Tale takes place in an alternative future state of America where women are considered subservient breeders.

In 1985, this was speculative fiction. Thirty-two years later, it seems painfully close to reality.



In Texas on Monday, pro-choice activists arrived in the Senate dressed in white bonnets and red robes. PPTV/TWITTER

$1,800 WEIGHT LOSS GRANT

Do You Have More than 20 lbs to Lose?

Valid For Most Weight Loss Programs

- Apply Now - Acceptance is Guaranteed!

- No Cost or Fee to Apply
- Approval within 48 Hours
- Thousands Paid Monthly!
- See Website for Application Deadline.

www.weightlossgrants.org

Recent Grant Recipients:

Holly Williams, Oshawa, ON, $1800 - Andrea Rewutzsky-Gardin, Brooklin, ON, $1016 - Karina Perez, Mississauga, ON, $1,209 - Sandra Feliz, Newmarket, ON, $980 - Linda Galluccio, Vaughan, ON, $1,631 - Krystina Marolias, East York, ON, $1,328 - Robin Turner, Ajax, ON, $613 - Elisha Lee, Toronto, ON, $731 - Haji Makki, Kleinburg, ON, $980 - Wendy Reardon, Scarborough, ON, $1,585 - Barbara Birch, Sicamous, BC, $955 - Deborah Sproule, Mission, BC, $960 - Jenny Bailey, Okotoks, BC, $600 - Ann Rusch, Williams Lake, BC, $1,690 - Theresa Kitt, Kamloops, BC, $1,440 - Larry Bowhay, Calgary, AB, $1,055.

Please visit www.weightlossgrants.org for full Guidelines, Terms & Conditions.

metro HOME

Your essential daily news

Rent the second floor of a Park Slope home owned by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio for $1,825 a month

High living in the city's South Core

CONDO TRENDS

Developments catering to Bay Street clientele are underway

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

Tridel's Ten York is a 69-storey tower in Toronto's SoCo district that features condos with massive floor plans. CONTRIBUTED

The Harbour Plaza Residences are comprised of two condominium towers at York and Harbour streets. CONTRIBUTED

The last time we visited Toronto's South Core district, shovels had barely broken ground on a variety of exciting new condo projects in this burgeoning neighbourhood that extends from the financial district southwards towards the lake.

The South Core or SoCo as it's also known, encompasses Maple Leaf Square and the recently renovated Union Station. There's a lot going on in this thriving, new live-work-play community that is currently a hive of construction activity.

Two new projects that are well underway and will begin occupancy this year are both tall towers that will take their place next to the twin obelisks of Ice Condominiums near York and Harbour streets.

Tridel has released their penthouse signature collection at Ten York, spanning floors 63 to 69, with occupancy slated for fall of this year. With interiors by II BY IV Design Associates, the massive, well-appointed suites range from 1,446 to 2,723 square feet.

"It's for people who want to live in a larger condominium in the urban core," says Jim Ritchie, VP of marketing for Tridel.

SoCo is a residential enclave that caters to the employees of Toronto's financial district, a great alternative to long commutes in snarled traffic.

"If they're going to live in this particular location, they'll walk to their office. That's why they're buying here," says Ritchie.

One York and the Harbour Plaza Residences by Menkes Developments is a mixed-use development comprised of a new commercial building and two residential condominium towers at York and Harbour streets, rising from an extensive retail podium at street-level.

The two condo towers feature interiors by award-winning interior designers Ciccone Simone. These are big buildings — 66 and 77 storeys with 1315 suites combined, designed by architects Alliance.

"The neighbourhood has this whole new energy unto itself that's very unique," says Menkes spokeswoman Mimi Ng.

It started several years ago with the opening of the Air Canada Centre, combined with the proximity to the Rogers Centre, that has made this area the de facto centre for sports and recreation in the city.

"Whether it's the Leafs or the Raptors, all the fans gather here to watch the game on the big screen in the square together," says Ng.

"We've got a lot of good feedback to the design of the condo buildings. People love the architecture, so we're thrilled to be having our first residents moving in this June."

POLICY

Under review: Ontario's arbitration board on land-use

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

The provincial government is currently conducting an in-depth review of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), the independent arbitration body that provides a public forum for appeals on local land-use planning matters.

The OMB is an important part of the checks and balances that make our land-use planning process, fair, transparent and accountable. It functions in a similar way to other entities that the government has in place to provide check and balances, such as the Human Rights Tribunal.

While it plays an important role, the OMB is an organization that people love to vilify. With the review underway, some have voiced concerns about how the OMB functions and others have called for its outright disbandment.

Although we believe that an independent appeal body like the OMB is absolutely necessary, there is always room for improvement and we believe there are some valid concerns that need to be discussed. For instance, the OMB could provide planning resources to ratepayer groups to facilitate mediation and settlement.

Some people mistakenly blame OMB decisions for the intensification that we have experienced across the GTA and most especially in downtown Toronto over the past decade. The reality is that intensification is the result of the provincial policy and the OMB is just doing its job.

The OMB makes decisions based on provincial plans and policy, including the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, using submissions made by experts in land planning and development.

The Growth Plan, introduced in 2006, mandates intensification and requires that a significant portion of all development in the GTA occur within existing communities.

Toronto and other parts of the GTA are facing significant pressure to comply with provincially mandated intensification. If municipalities, local politicians or members of the public feel there is too much intensification in the GTA, then the remedy lies with the province and its policies, not with the building industry or the OMB.

Often the lack of municipal decision making, the absence of council making a timely decision, gives our members no other choice than to go to the OMB. Sometimes municipalities don't want to make difficult decisions, and look to the OMB as their solution.

Currently, housing demand is outstripping supply and our industry is struggling to meet the needs of the our growing population while complying with the province's density requirements.

Without an independent appeals board like the OMB, it would be next to impossible for us to provide the housing this region needs.

BRYAN TUCKEY IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION AND A LAND-USE PLANNER WHO HAS WORKED FOR MUNICIPAL, REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. FOLLOW HIM ON TWITTER @BILDGTA, FACEBOOK.COM/BILDGTA AND BILDBLOGS.CA.

Studios that inspire creativity

INTERIORS

Spaces should be adaptable to enable a fluid workflow

Spaces where creativity happens are utterly unlike other rooms, artists and designers say. Whether at home or elsewhere, these deeply personal spaces often feel like they're in flux, with interiors more curated than decorated. They often feature natural objects and personal totems. They can feel messy, but also like a window into an artist's mind.

"I am always mesmerized by what goes on in these creative spaces. They are very special and often very private. The hardest part is convincing people to let you in," says Paul Barbera, who has photographed over 200 studios of both established and up-and-coming designers, architects and artists around the world. His most recent book is Where They Create, Japan (Frame Publishers, Amsterdam). Matthew Waldman, founder of a watch company called Nooka, is one of the designers featured in the book.

"I like to have a lot of stimulation in my creative space, with things to touch and look at, things that inspire me, and lots of plants," says Waldman.

Louesa Roebuck, who, with Sarah Lonsdale, wrote and photographed Foraged Flora (Ten Speed Press), featuring images and descriptions of the workplaces of various California "creatives," says "creative spaces reflect an intersection between the highly personal and professional."

The studios, ateliers and other spaces explored in these books vary widely, but many include plants or pets, quirky objects, and odd assortments of objects grouped in visual vignettes.

"A lot of the things we collect connect us to other places and times, like relics or fossils, shells, stones or bits of inspiration," Roebuck says. "My studio is full of totems."

The rooms also tend to have plenty of natural light or access to the outdoors.

"My home is very pared down but the desk in my studio area is covered in things," says Lonsdale.

"The most creative spaces seem to have the messiest desks. I love those desks. And many creative people spread things out across walls or floors. It's a way to visualize. It's work in progress."

Rachael Weiner, senior style and market editor at Real Simple magazine, says anyone can foster creativity in their home office or studio space. "While a home is a place to foster tranquility, to relax and recharge, a creative space is the opposite. You want it to be comfortable, but you also want the energy to be dynamic," she says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I am always mesmerized by what goes on in these creative spaces. They are very special and often very private. The hardest part is convincing people to let you in. Paul Barbera, Where They Create

Self-taught architect Tadao Ando working at his desk in Osaka. This photographed is featured in Paul Barbera's book Where They Create, Japan from Frame Publishers and explores creatives' studios and workplaces. PAUL BARBERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top left: Artist Takahashi Kiroko in her Tokyo studio. Top right: Artist Mariko Mori in her Tokyo tea room, where she does a lot of thinking. Bottom: Monotype studies by Louesa Roebuck in her Ojai, Calif. studio. TOP: PAUL BARBERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; BOTTOM: LOUESA ROEBUCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEGAL MATTERS

Advice on conditions in offers

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: We are in the market to purchase a condo (because we can't afford a house) and have found a couple of places that are in our budget and in the neighbourhood we want to live in.

Our agent has told us that there will more than likely be a bidding war and that we should go in with an unconditional offer.

Our lawyer has advised us that we really should get the review of the 'status certificate' included as a condition of the offer.

We have now been looking for a number of months and have lost a couple of offers because we have included this condition. Is there a way around this?

A: This is a much more common circumstance in a heating up spring market.

Sometimes, the purchaser's agent will order the status certificate in advance and have it reviewed by their lawyer. This at least gives the purchaser some confidence in their bid with the knowledge that the condo is in good standing but at the end of the day, the status certificate is a document that your bank will want reviewed and it must be contemporaneous with the offer. (I just reviewed a three month old certificate which showed everything in good standing but the bank will need me to review a new one).

You may still need to order a new status after your offer is accepted.

It is tough in this highly competitive housing market so you should step carefully when making offers for real estate.

REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market

1 NOW REGISTERING

Chelsea on the Green: The twin condo towers will be coming soon to Rockwood Village, located at 1850 Rathburn Rd. E in Mississauga. Register online for details. Contact: sales@lormelhomes.com, chelseaonthegreen.ca.

2 SALES EVENT

Scoop Condos: Scoop Condos is holding their Construction Countdown event with last chance pre-construction pricing. Head over to the presentation centre at 1791 St. Clair Ave. W, on March 25 and 26 from 12 to 5 p.m. Contact: (416) 656-1717, scoopcondos.com.

3 OPEN HOUSE

Two bedroom condo suite: Check out this two bedroom plus den condo suite at 208 Queens Quay W, unit 3006, on March 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Contact: Andrew Ipekian, Keller Williams Referred Urban Realty, Brokerage, at (416) 572-1016.

DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

The contemporary Party Room sets the right tone for modern entertaining.

U31's design for the Games Room encourages fun and togetherness.

TORONTO HISTORIC DISTRICT ENJOYS RENAISSANCE

New condo development part of Front Street transformation

Coming soon to Front and Sherbourne Streets, between the historic Distillery District and St. Lawrence Market, Time and Space Condominiums is the latest addition to this iconic downtown neighbourhood.

The development, Pemberton Group's newest residential community, will encompass an entire city block, bounded by Front, Sherbourne, Princess Street and The Esplanade. Its residents will be connected to eclectic eateries, entertainment and cultural venues, amid architectural surroundings that run the gamut from heritage to modern. It's a thriving area that's undergoing an exciting transformation.

Top Walk Score

Homebuyers who enjoy a neighbourhood stroll will find a lot to love at Time and Space. It's located in the midst of amenities: St. Lawrence Market is just a 15-minute walk away and is undergoing its own redevelopment, with plans that include the $60-million North Building. The Distillery District, Sony Centre, Hockey Hall of Fame, Sugar Beach, the Waterfront Trail and Union Station are all in the vicinity.

In fact, Time and Space earns a Walk Score of 99/100, a Transit Score of 100/100 and a Bike Score of 95/100. The business area south of Front Street has the largest concentration of offices outside of the downtown core and North York Centre. It's an opportunity for residents to live just steps from where they work. At the same time, the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway are just minutes away, making it an ideal location for commuters.

Striking design

Time and Space will eventually encompass four towers adjacent to the 1.6-hectare David Crombie Park. Its exteriors, by Wallman Architects, will include suites designed with terraces or patios along with a multi-use courtyard. Layouts will range from one-bedroom to three-bedroom suites, and the buildings' interiors, by U31, will include striking amenities such as a modern marble-clad lobby, club-inspired party room, on-site theatre, games room and even a pool.

As buyers continue to be priced out of the low-rise market in the City of Toronto, they're increasingly turning to condominiums, either to rent or own. Owning a Pemberton suite gives homebuyers the peace-of-mind that comes with buying from a well-trusted builder with a lengthy history. It's also an entry to an enviable lifestyle, with exciting amenities onsite — from recreation to entertainment — all in the heart of one of the most sought-after neighbourhoods in the city. Register online at pembertongroup.com.

Discover more about Pemberton

Learn more about Pemberton's condominium communities by visiting pembertongroup.com, and follow the company on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

The lobby at Time and Space will welcome residents and guests in style.

In the Theatre Room, residents, friends and family can watch a movie or a game on the big screen.

RENDERINGS COURTESY PEMBERTON GROUP

time and space CONDOMINIUMS

the time is coming.

Condominiums coming to Front and Sherbourne.

REGISTER NOW AT PEMBERTONGROUP.COM

Pemberton
Everything a home should be

metro SPORTS

The NFL is making plans to speed up games, including changing video replays, using a clock for PATs and trying to make TV ads less intrusive

Spring in Leafs' step

NHL

Playoff hopes in bloom as Jackets doffed in Columbus

The focus, for most of the Toronto Maple Leafs' 100th season, has been on the rookies — most notably Mitch Marner and Auston Matthews.

Almost lost in the excitement has been an incredible season from another rookie: William Nylander.

William Nylander GETTY IMAGES

Nylander scored his 20th goal of the season and assisted on one by Matthews as the Maple Leafs beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 5-2 Wednesday night.

Nazem Kadri, Leo Komarov and Nikita Zaitsev — with an empty-netter — also scored for Toronto, which moved past the idle Boston Bruins and into third place in the Atlantic Division.

Columbus replied with goals from David Savard and Brandon Saad.

Nylander entered the Leafs' rookie record book with points in nine straight games. Gus Bodnar set the record in 1943-44, tied by Bob Nevin in 1960-61 and Dan Daoust in 1982-83.

Nylander — who was once the main focus of hope from fans — has been totally OK passing that mantle to Matthews and Marner.

"They're great players. They deserve it," Nylander said of the attention he no longer receives. "For me, it's just playing. That's all I care about. I want to play good every game."

Nylander has three goals and nine assists in his nine-game run. Matthews has scored in two of his last three games, and has points in three straight. Kadri also hit a magical mark with his 30th goal.

It was a game with a lot of hard hits, the biggest being Roman Polak on Oliver Bjorkstrand, resulting in a five-minute major in the third period. Bad blood seemed to be boiling all game, and it's not inconceivable these two teams could meet in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WEDNESDAY In Ohio

5	2
LEAFS	JACKETS

Nazem Kadri scores the Leafs' fourth goal against Blue Jackets goalie Joonas Korpisalo on Wednesday night. PAUL VERNON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Ibaka dodges prolonged ban after Lopez's right hand

Serge Ibaka THE CANADIAN PRESS

It may have been a game-changing moment, but it wasn't a season-altering incident and the Raptors can probably count themselves lucky after some NBA leniency towards Serge Ibaka.

Toronto's best shot-blocker, most efficient three-point shooter of late and one of the two engines that drive the team's emerging defence was suspended only one game for his part in a fracas with Chicago's Robin Lopez in Tuesday's game at Air Canada Centre.

Ibaka will sit out Thursday night's game against the Heat and return Saturday to face the Dallas Mavericks. Lopez was suspended for one game as well and missed Chicago's home game against the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

Toronto assistant coach Jamaal Magloire was also fined $15,000 for acting other than a peacemaker in the skirmish, which broke out with about four minutes left in the third quarter of the Raps' 122-120 overtime win.

There were no extra financial penalties imposed on Ibaka or Lopez, aside from the loss of one game's worth of salary — between $110,000 and $120,000 for each. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Officials push back start of U.S. women's training camp

USA Hockey has postponed the start of the U.S. women's national team's world championship training camp amid an ongoing wage dispute. The camp was supposed to start Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Argonauts' Trestman rounds out coaching staff

Argos coach Marc Trestman unveiled the remainder of his staff Wednesday which includes former CFLers Tyron Brackenridge and Kevin Eiben. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget bumps up athletes' carding money by 18%

The federal government will pump an extra $5 million a year into the Athletes Assistance Program for the next five years for an 18 per cent increase. Olympians and Paralympians have received a maximum of $1,500 per month since 2004. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$25,000

The Nevada Athletic Commission has reduced Conor McGregor's fine for a profanity-laced, bottle-throwing pre-UFC 202 fracas with Nate Diaz from $150,000 to $25,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GETTY IMAGES

Stroll at F1 starting line

MOTORSPORTS

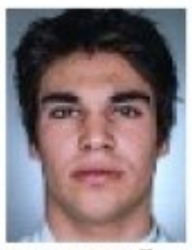
18-year-old from Montreal debuting with Williams

It is rare to realize a life's dream at an early age, but you could see it coming for Formula One racing rookie Lance Stroll.

The 18-year-old, who was named as a driver for the Williams F1 team in November, will make his debut in motor racing's top series this weekend at the Australian Grand Prix.

He will be the second-youngest to race in F1 after Max Verstappen, who began at 17 for Toro Rosso in 2015 before being promoted to the Red Bull team and winning the Spanish Grand Prix last summer.

Stroll landed the Williams ride after he became the youngest champion of the European Formula 3 series last year, winning 14 of 30 races.



Lance Stroll
GETTY IMAGES

"I've progressed a lot and I think I've reached a level of driving that I was aiming for," Stroll said after winning the title. "But there is still a lot to learn because you always need to adapt to a higher level."

Of course, he also had the benefit of financial help from his billionaire father Lawrence Stroll, a diehard racing and Ferrari fan who has not hesitated to dip into his vast resources to help his son reach his goals.

Some reports estimated that Lawrence Stroll, who made his fortune in the fashion industry, spent at least $40 million US to get his son a seat in F1.

Lance Stroll acknowledges that the money helped, but he still had to prove himself on the track.

"For sure it's important to have sponsorships in F1 because, as we've seen, there have been good drivers who didn't make it because they didn't have solid backing," Stroll said in a recent interview. "It shouldn't be like that but it is, so it's good to have support."

Money can't buy talent, but that's not a problem for Stroll.

Vince Loughran, who runs the Mont-Tremblant track north of Montreal owned by Stroll's father, said the young driver was impressive from the outset. And Loughran, who has worked in motor racing for more than 42 years, has seen youngsters make it to F1 before.

> **He can't rely only on his talent. He has to keep working to improve.**
> Mentor Hugo Mousseau

"I worked at Mont-Tremblant when Gilles Villeneuve came to take (race) driving lessons in 1973," he said of the former Ferrari ace who died in a crash at the 1982 Belgian Grand Prix. "I also saw Gilles' brother Jacques and his son Jacques Villeneuve (the 1997 F1 champion for Williams) take lessons here.

"Now, it's Lance's turn."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOSE JORDAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

BLUE JAYS

Bautista 'feeling great'

Jose Bautista stood before the gathered media in Dunedin, Fla., Wednesday morning looking very much a tower of strength, in his first appearance at Jays camp since his native Dominican Republic bowed out of the World Baseball Classic.

There was some doubt about Bautista's health, though, after missing some WBC action with a stiff back and then sitting out Wednesday's 5-4 win by the Jays over the Detroit Tigers — capped by minor-leaguer Shane Opitz's three-run walkoff homer.

Bautista tried to quiet those concerns.

"No, I'm good. I'm feeling great," said Bautista, who didn't take batting practice either on Wednesday. "It was a stiff lower back, but with a day off (Thursday) I talked to the training staff today and we decided it makes no sense to crank it up for one day.... I'll get back into the lineup Friday."

Bautista was one of the hottest hitters at the Classic: 6-for-18 with a homer, five RBIs and a .935 on-base plus slugging mark.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of the World Baseball Classic final between Puerto Rico and the U.S.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Sweet 16 teams also winning in class

Men's and women's basketball teams in this year's Sweet 16 are graduating more players and experiencing all-time high academic success.

The programs still alive in the NCAA Tournament are enjoying the best academic success since The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport on the University of Central Florida campus has been tracking the numbers, according to a study it released Wednesday.

This year, 15 of the 16 men's teams, and all of the women's teams, that made it to the Sweet 16 have an Academic Progress Rate (APR) of 960 or better.

These programs are also graduating their players at a higher rate, with 81 per cent of the men and 100 per cent of the women holding a Graduation Success Rate (GRS) of at least 60 per cent. These numbers either equal or surpass all-time highs for this particular TIDES study, which has been in existence since 2003. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

THURSDAY'S MARCH MADNESS GAMES

Midwest
At Kansas City

- 1 Kansas (30-4) vs. 4 Purdue (27-4), 9:39 p.m.
- 3 Oregon (31-5) vs. 7 Michigan (26-11), 7:09 p.m.

West
At San Jose

- 1 Gonzaga (34-1) vs. 4 West Virginia (28-8), 7:39 p.m.
- 2 Arizona (32-4) vs. 11 Xavier (23-13), 10:09 p.m.

*All times ET

Homan takes top spot for playoffs at curling worlds

Canada's Rachel Homan kept her unbeaten streak intact at the world women's curling championship in Beijing on Wednesday, locking up first place in the round-robin standings in the process.

Homan (9-0) posted a 6-4 win over Sweden's Anna Hasselborg in the afternoon draw before topping Anna Kubeskova of the Czech Republic 9-3.

Sweden was in second place at 7-2.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCCER

Canada, Scotland draw in friendly

Canada tied Scotland 1-1 Wednesday in a soccer friendly that will have done little to boost Scottish spirits before a key World Cup qualifier on the weekend.

At No. 67, Scotland is ranked 50 places higher than Canada, which had lost all five previous meetings between the two.

Fraser Aird opened the scoring for Canada before a sparse Edinburgh, Scotland, crowd and Steven Naismith replied in the 35th minute. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leigh Griffith of Scotland and Canada's Maxim Tissot collide on Wednesday.
IAN MACNICOL/GETTY IMAGES

metro Spiritualist Forum To advertise contact Ian March at 416-443-4388

FAMOUS INDIAN ASTROLOGER
Pandit: BALAJI
CERTIFIED INDIAN ASTROLOGER
REMOVES BLACK MAGIC, JADOO, VODOO
& GIVES 100% LIFELONG PROTECTION
HE BRINGS BACK LOVED ONES
COME TODAY FOR YOUR BETTER TOMORROW
NOBODY CAN BREAK MY PROTECTION
SOLVES PROBLEMS LIKE FAMILY, CHILDREN, KIDS
HUSBAND-WIFE, HEALTH, DEPRESSION, COURT ETC
416-843-9186
5010 Steeles Ave W, ETOBICOKE
Near UTHAYAS, (KIPLING & STEELES)
1 FREE READING
(in Office only)

MOST POWERFUL INDIAN ASTROLOGER
Master: ARJUN
World Indian Spiritualist & Psychic
Master is expert in reading Past, Present and Future.
Can solve problems related to Love,Business,Job
Money, Family ,Marriage, Sexual. Stop Divorce etc
PROTECTS FROM EVILS & DESTROYS ALL PROBLEMS
FREE READING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
Removes Black Magic & Get 100% Permanent
Protection for Vodoo, Obeya & Witchcraft
HE BRINGS LOVED ONES BACK
647-286-5665
3005 Islington Ave, North York
M9L 2K8, (Between Steeles & Finch)
Islington Ave & Millwick Dr

OM MALAYALA SHAKTI ASTROLOGER
Master: LAKSHMI RAJ
International & Special Astrologer
Astrology Prediction is God Gift,
Passed down from Generation to Generation
Business · Love Prob. · Enemy · Visa
Work · Court Case · Sexual · Jealousy
Money · Depression · Drinking · Children
An Expert Spiritualist treats Black Magic, Witchcraft, Jaadu, Obeau and gives 1000% Immediate Protection
416-806-1666
311 Painted Post Dr, Scarborough ON M1G 2M4, Next to PARTY PLACE (Markham Rd & Painted Post Dr.)

FINANCIAL

GET OUT OF DEBT!
CALL The Licensed Debt Professionals™
DAVID SKLAR & ASSOCIATES INC.
Proposal Administrators • Financial Counsellors • Licensed Insolvency Trustee
- Reduce & Consolidate Your Debt Into 1 Low Monthly Payment
- Avoid Bankruptcy!
- Stop Collection Calls, Interest Charges, Garnishments, Tax Debts & Lawsuits
- Government Licensed

Free Consultation
310-9200
HEAD OFFICE: 240 Fairview Mall Drive, Suite 700, Toronto, ON, M2J 4T1
NORTH YORK • TORONTO • PICKERING / AJAX • MISSISSAUGA / ETOBICOKE • BRAMPTON
www.DavidSklar.com | DAVID SKLAR, CPA, CIRP, LIT

STEVEWELKER.CA
DEBT RELIEF WHEN YOU CAN'T REPAY

Free Advice
647-793-6411
CAN YOU REPAY YOUR DEBT ON YOUR OWN?
IF NOT, OUR SERVICES
- Stop: Collection Calls, Interest, Lawsuits & Garnishments
- Reduce Your Debt & Stress
- Don't Require Money Up-Front
- Consolidate Your Debt
- Bankruptcy Is Always The Last Resort

MAIN OFFICE: 1969 WESTON ROAD
Welker and Company Inc. Licensed Insolvency Trustees
647-793-6411
Barrie | Brampton | Burlington | Downtown | Etobicoke | Markham | Mississauga | North York | Scarborough | Whitby

shed the debt®
for pennies on the dollar
credit cards • tax arrears • student loans
wage and bank garnishments

call 1-855-541-5114
for fast friendly debt relief anywhere in Ontario
free meeting, no obligation
evening and Saturday appointments
Goldhar®
www.shedthedebt.ca
Goldhar & Associates Ltd. Licensed Insolvency Trustee

Why pay a higher mortgage rate when others are paying less?
FREE property valuation for the first 10 inquiries!
Paul Meredith TEAM
TOP MILLION DOLLAR AGENT
Exclusive mortgage broker on season 2 of TV's Top Million Dollar Agent
CALL OR EMAIL US TODAY!
Paul Meredith | Mortgage Broker | Lic# 10532
www.easy123mortgage.ca
CityCan Financial Corporation
(416) 409-8009 | paulm@citycan.com

CALL ERIKA
(LICENSED DEBT EXPERT)
STOP COLLECTION CALLS
GET DEBT RELIEF NOW!
Reduce or Eliminate Tax Debt too.
Stop Garnishments and Court Actions
Debt Proposals, Debt Counselling, Avoid Bankruptcy
Call NOW to talk with a Government-Licensed Expert
Low income? No problem! Ask about our affordable, very low fee to get Debt-Free.
We're here to help. Friendly, Caring Professionals.
Free consultation. Same day appointments.
1-877-332-8416
416-288-8048
Scarborough (Main office), Weston, Brampton, Oshawa, Mississauga (Pt Credit)
Rusinek & Associates Inc Licensed Insolvency Trustee www.rusinek.ca

DEBT RELIEF
Are you drowning in debts?
- Consolidate debts, no interest
- Settle your debts without a bankruptcy
- Stop collection calls and garnishments
- Get rid of tax debts and court actions

NONA KUMAR
Estate Administrator
Credit Counsellor
Free Consultation: 416.455.7709
nona@rumanek.com
Rumanek & Co. Ltd. Licensed Insolvency Trustee,
Head office in North York, Ontario
9 Locations in Ontario

$300-$1000 LOAN in 12hrs or less

Lamina.ca - 1-800-NEW-CREDIT
no credit checks, documents or faxing, paid over 3 - 5 months

Own a Home? Need a Loan?
- 1st and 2nd Mortgages for anything.
- Pay Bells, Renovate, Vacation!
- Refinance to 85% of home value. Purchase a home at 5% down!
- Pay off mortgage arrears, property tax or condo fee arrears!
- We stop power of sales!
- Past bankrupt or Consumer Proposal.
- Good and bad credit are welcome!
- Self-employed? Showing low income?
- Consolidate cards into one payment!

APPROVED!
HOMELAND MORTGAGE
416-913-9593 www.homelandmortgage.org
License #11991

MORTGAGES
1st & 2nd Mortgages
Debt Consolidation
*Low Rates, *No Fees
Bad Credit Welcome
*CREDIT APPROVED
*Terms and conditions apply Lic# 10154
Mortgage Genie
www.mortgagegenie.org
416-667-9834

DOWNLOAD METRO'S NEW APP NOW
OFFLINE READING
•LOCAL NEWS • VIEWS
•LIFE • SPORTS
>>>

EDUCATION

PARALEGALS WANTED
YOU COULD BE ONE

Paralegal Program Highlights
- High-Caliber Faculty
- $3235 in Bursaries*
- Visit us & Receive $5 Gift Card
- LSUC Accredited

647-691-0903
AOLTORONTO.COM
The Academy of Learning Career & Business College (Bay/Bloor) is registered under the PCC act 2005 and operated by 1069185 Ontario INC. *conditions apply

MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS IN DEMAND
BE JOB READY IN MONTHS, START NOW!

• High-Calibre Faculty • Various Funding Options • Practicum Included • State - of - the -Art Labs
DOWNTOWN: 416.559.3508
NORTH YORK: 416.559.4079
ANDERSONCOLLEGE.COM
Visit Us & Receive A $5 Gift Card
Anderson College of Health, Business and Technology is registered as a Private Career College under the PCC act 2005 and is operated by Rubenich Institute Inc. Not all programs are available at each location. *conditions apply

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Side-licious Roasted Broccoli

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We know, we know. We're trying to get you excited about your go-to side. But trust us, roasting broccoli brings out a crazy amount of flavour, with very little extra effort.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 head of broccoli, cut into not-too-small florets
- 4 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 2 or 3 good squeezes of lemon juice
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup grated Parmesan

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

2. Wash and dry the broccoli very well. Scatter on a baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle a good pinch of salt and pepper.

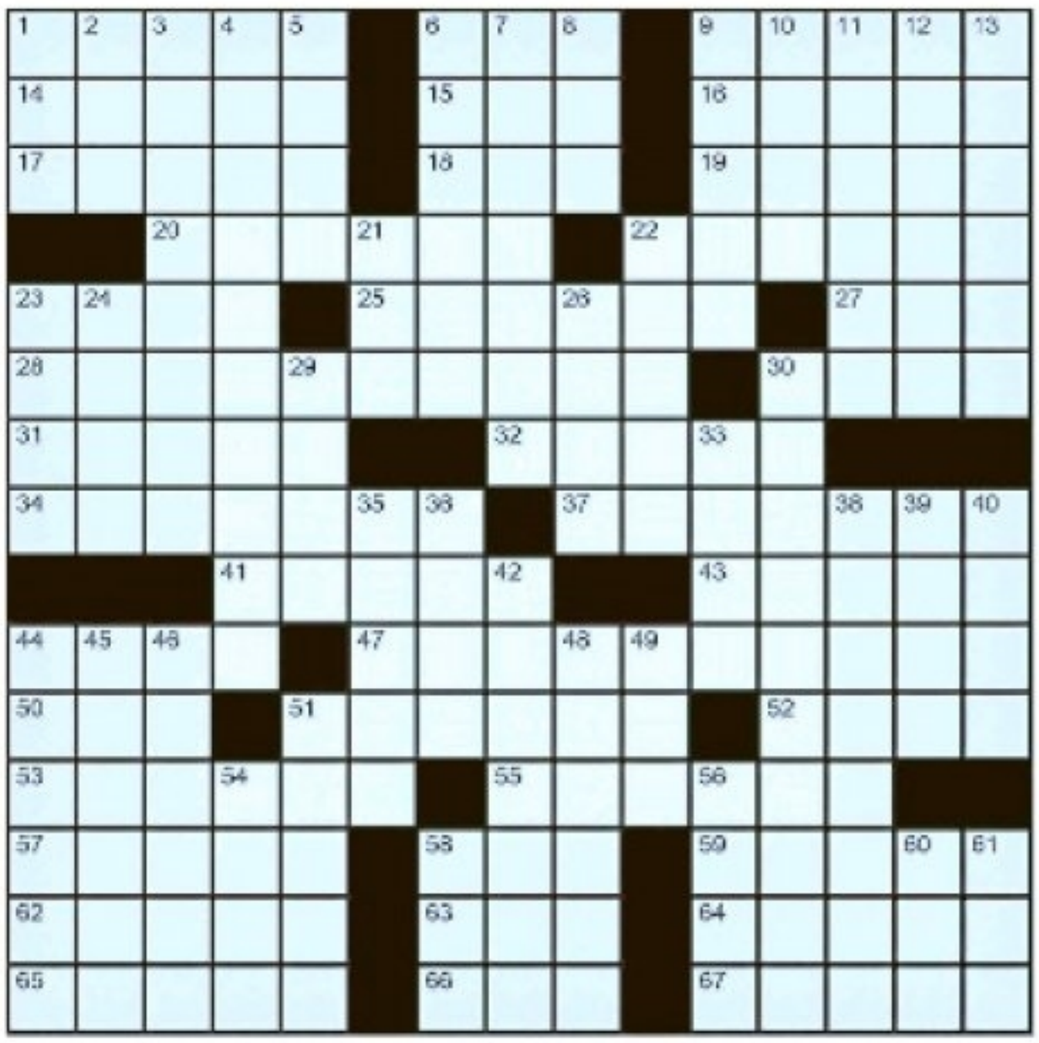
3. Pop in a hot oven for 20 to 25 minutes until the broccoli starts to char slightly at the edges

4. Remove from the oven and toss with lemon juice and zest. Transfer to your serving dish and cover with the grated cheese.
Blueberry Grunt

FOR MORE MEAL IDEAS, VISIT SWEETPOTATOCHRONICLES.COM

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Occupationally overwhelm
6. 1995 album: 'A Boy Named __'
9. Gather up
14. Son on classic sitcom "My Three Sons"
15. "State __ Main" (2000)
16. Sacred choral piece
17. Greenish-blues
18. Y's Canadian spelled-out follower
19. Go in
20. Comic strip, For __ or For Worse
22. Doesn't really know
23. Entertainment production
25. Flourish
27. Modern
28. Pembina Valley community in Manitoba approximately two hours southwest of Winnipeg: 2 wds.
30. Some Smarties
31. Burning
32. Steven Seagal movie, "Under __" (1992)
34. Identifying stock exchange symbols
37. Bridge framework
41. French writer Mr. Zola (b.1840 - d.1902)
43. Ventilated
44. Awaken
47. Nunavut: Part of Baffin Island, __ Peninsula
50. Write
51. Spoken
52. Car race, __ 500
53. Pasta brand
55. Movie shoot dailies
57. "The Love Boat" bartender
58. Tunesmith Mr. Dylan
59. Not qualified
62. 'Four'-meaning prefix
63. Rap music's Kim
64. Cake's coating
65. Ranch animal
66. Tip to 'ment' (Factor)
67. Communicates via smartphone

DOWN
1. Jiffy
2. __ humour
3. Steroid sort
4. Excavating employee
5. Fruit fly, for one
6. Summerhome's shady shelter
7. Burdensome
8. Curious
9. Make better
10. Wee weekdays
11. Make harmonious
12. Prophetic-ized, say
13. Scatters
21. Aberdeen accessory
22. "Down __" by Men At Work
23. Squabble
24. R.E.M. album: 'New Adventures in __-__'
26. Police K-9 __
29. Overbrim
30. I-was-knocked-down-but-I-got-back-up quality
33. Equipment
35. __-__-Roni (Sidedish brand est. 1958)
36. Curved musical symbol
38. Fascinate
39. Loan
40. Bandleader/pianist biopic starring Tyrone Power, "The __ Duchin Story" (1956)
42. Tangle into the trouble
44. Chops the logs for firewood
45. Red Rose service: 2 wds.
46. Intrinsic
48. Showy trinket
49. "SCTV" cast member ...his initials-sharers
51. __ of Christ aka The Pope
54. Maintenance
56. 'Eight' in Edmonton
58. Wheat, in Saguenay
60. Savings acct. rate
61. '___ with Tracy Jordan', as on "30 Rock"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might be obsessed with something today. Furthermore, you might demand that you get your way. Lighten up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you have to do research today, you probably will be successful. You won't stop until you find what you're looking for. You'll be like a dog with a bone.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Conversations with friends and groups will be intense today, because people are purposeful and bossy. Avoid someone if he or she is coming on too strong.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try to be tactful during conversations with bosses and parents today, because power struggles might take place. If people disagree, they quickly will begin to argue.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do not try to coerce others into your way of thinking, especially about politics, religion or racial issues. However, this is a good day to study something, because you have focus.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Arguments about how to divide or share something today might arise. Arguments about shared responsibilities also might be a problem. Try to avoid these arguments.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone might try to force his or her point of view on you today, or vice versa. This doesn't promote a happy relationship, does it?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Because you are obsessed with something today, you can tackle a routine job and get a lot done. You also might study and learn something new at work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romantic partners might have trouble today, because this is not an easygoing day. People want their own way and they're not prepared to compromise. Yikes.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Because you might be obsessed with something today, you actually can use this energy and get a lot of work done.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid family debates today — they will accomplish nothing. However, if you roll up your sleeves, you can do some hard work at home, especially related to bathrooms, plumbing, garbage and recycling.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't come on too strong when talking to others today, because you are tempted to do that. Remember: You get more flies with honey than with vinegar.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

Every row, column and box contains 1-9

		5		6		3		
	1						2	
2			3		8			7
		7				4		
1				5				6
		2				5		
8			1		9			4
	7						3	
		6		7		9		

$1,800 WEIGHT LOSS GRANT
Have More than 20 lbs to Lose? Apply Today!
www.weightlossgrants.org
Visit www.weightlossgrants.org for full details.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

Your daily crossword and Sudoku answers from the play page.

for more fun and games go to metronews.ca/games

8	2	5	7	3	4	9	6	1
6	4	1	2	9	8	5	3	7
3	7	9	6	1	5	4	8	2
7	9	8	3	4	2	1	5	6
5	1	3	9	6	7	8	2	4
2	6	4	8	5	1	3	7	9
9	5	7	1	8	6	2	4	3
4	3	2	5	7	9	6	1	8
1	8	6	4	2	3	7	9	5

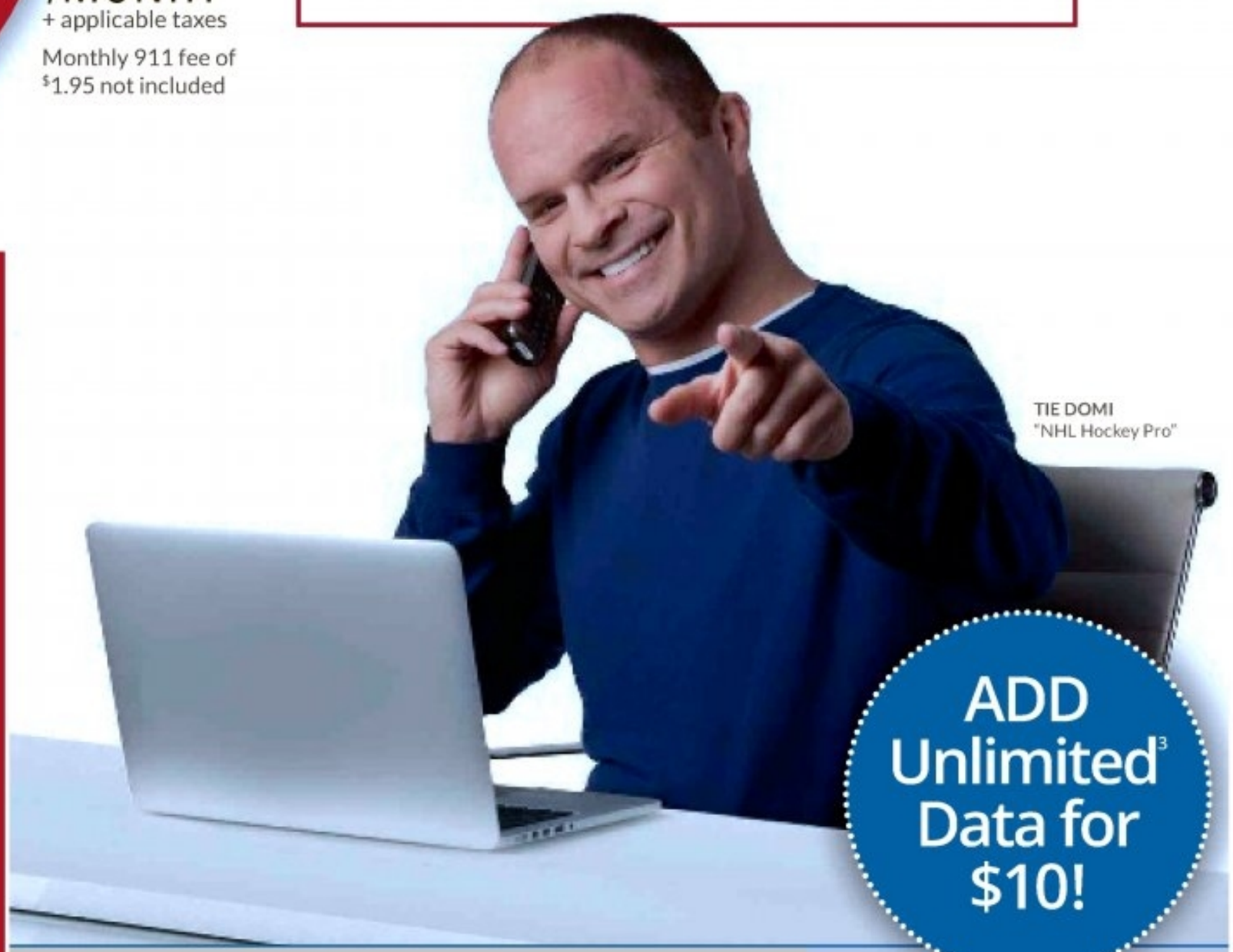
comwave Bundle

High-Speed Internet & Home Phone *Bundle*

$49.95/MONTH
+ applicable taxes

Monthly 911 fee of $1.95 not included

FREE Installation and Equipment Rental
over $240 in savings!



PLUS **6 MONTHS FREE** HOME PHONE
When you transfer your number to Comwave on a 3 year term

WITH COMWAVE YOU GET:
- ✓ Unlimited local calling
- ✓ Keep your existing phone number[1]
- ✓ Phone line with caller ID block
- ✓ Download speed - up to 6 mbps
- ✓ Upload speed - up to 800 kbps
- ✓ Data usage - 75 GB[2]

1-866-840-2894

Find us on & comwave.net

comwave

[1]Service not available everywhere. Monthly local loop Access Fee of $5.95 (if needed) is not included. A one-time activation fee of $59.95 applies. Shipping fees applies. [2]A rate of 25 cents per GB will be charged if usage exceeds the plan's monthly data limit. [3]Unlimited Data Usage is governed by our Fair Usage policy. VoIP 911 has certain limitations. **Details at comwave.net.**